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Devolin chosen to unite the right

*Conservative
candidate's
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is for MP*

**AMY GRIEVES
& MARTHA PERKINS**

Echo staff

Local Conservatives have given Barry Devolin the job of trying to send MP John O'Reilly packing.

After a long day of voting and speeches on Saturday, Devolin beat out four other men who were hoping to become the new party's candidate in the next federal election.

"It's time for John O'Reilly to have a retirement party," Devolin said in his acceptance speech. "I'm going to do my best to give him that."

Devolin thanked the other four candidates and told his wife Ursula that they could take the next day off. However, since there's a lot of work to be done, he said that on Monday it's back to work.

The nomination meeting took place at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in Lindsay. The day started early with supporters scattered all over the building. The candidates seemed calm as they greeted people and thanked them for coming.

Swarms of people filled the foyer as registration began for this time-consuming ordeal. Conservatives as young as 14 were eligible to vote. Many high school students took advantage

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Quack medicine

Colonel W.D. Quackhouse, played by Matthew Romain from Join Hands Puppeteers, attempts to sell his cure-all elixir with the help of his monkey friend to the 120 people who laughed their way through the Razzamataz Kids Show Sunday afternoon at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. More photos page 18.

Shaw mourned as 'once-in-a-lifetime' reporter

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

In one of those horrible twists of fate, a night that was supposed to be a celebration of success turned tragic when a former *Echo* reporter died less than an hour after being named the Reporter of the Year by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.

Stephen Shaw, who worked at the *Echo* in 1993/94, was about to have his picture taken with fellow award-winning staffers from *Oshawa-Whitby This Week* at the OCNA's annual conven-



Stephen Shaw died Saturday.

tion in Toronto on Saturday night when he collapsed. Colleagues performed CPR but emergency crews who arrived a short time later were unable to revive him.

Although results from the autopsy were not known by the *Echo's* press time, it's believed a pre-existing heart condition was the cause of death.

Shaw was only 34 and leaves his wife, May, and an eight-year-old son and four-year-old daughter.

"He was a once-in-a-lifetime person who comes through your newsroom," says his edi-

tor, Joanne Burghardt. "The staff is devastated. We won 18 awards [that night] and it means nothing."

The OCNA's judges had awarded Shaw two of the association's most prestigious awards: Reporter of the Year (for the second year in a row) and Best Investigative News Story (beating out the *Echo's* Erin Tennant.) He had also consistently won Best News Story awards in previous years. Burghardt had also been presented with one of the association's most coveted achieve-

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news and events worth noting

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There will be a public meeting about the proposed water system in Wilberforce on Tues., March 30 at the Lloyd Watson Centre starting at 7 p.m..

Delta Pinestone Resort has been chosen as the host venue for Delta Hotels' 2004 National Leadership Conference from June 7-9, 2004. Those in attendance include all Delta general managers, corporate directors, regional vice-presidents, corporate vice-presidents, president and chairman. "Of all 39 Delta properties across Canada, to have the conference here in beautiful Haliburton is really a tremendous honour," says Scott de Savoye, general manager of Delta Pinestone Resort. "While the conference is certainly focused on national business issues, nevertheless we'll make certain all the delegates experience true Haliburton hospitality and leave with fond memories and a desire to return...rest assured."

Trent University is hosting an open house for prospective students on Tues., March 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Students and their families are invited to tour the Peterborough campus and meet the professors.

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WES LYTLE/Special to The Echo

Echoes of spring

Wes Lytle was eastbound on Highway 118 just past Black's Garage on Friday afternoon when he came upon this car in the ditch. A frozen culvert had caused the highway to flood. The woman driver was fine and walked to Black's garage to call Curry Motors for towing. Dysart road crews are working on 20 culverts.

Marijuana found growing in Eagle Lake home

Three people from Guilford Township face numerous charges after police found 224 marijuana plants growing in a home in on County Road 6.

Police from the local OPP detachment, the Kawartha Combined Forces Drug Unit and the Central Region Community Response Unit executed a search warrant at the home on Friday.

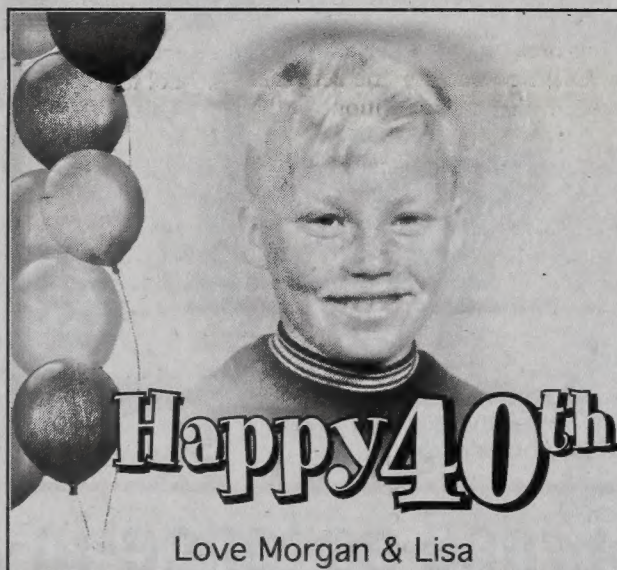
They found the plants, with an estimated value of \$210,000 growing in several rooms and charged three

people at the scene: a 52-year-old man, 45-year-old woman and 26-year-old man.

They also found a revolver, which is a prohibited weapon, and marijuana growing equipment.

The charges are for production of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with the purpose to traffic and possession of a prohibited weapon.

The investigation is continuing.



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Swinging into national fame

HHSS Swing Band to represent Haliburton County in Montreal

AMY GRIEVES

Co-op student reporter

The HHSS Swing Band is off to the Nationals.

The big break came when the band was in Collingwood for the regional high school music competition on the weekend of February 27-28.

At the Regionals the panel of judges know what a good jazz band sounds like, says band leader Tom Regina. These adjudicators are picky and select only the best of the best to invite to the Nationals. The HHSS Swing Band certainly fits that criterion and during the week of May 25-28 the band will be travelling to Montreal to show off their fine skills at the National musicfest.

Hard work and dedication were the keys to unlocking their success, Regina says. The band consists of an uneven ratio of juniors and seniors. The majority of the senior students have been playing together since Grade 9 so have all the aquired skill. What helps with the band's success is the fact that the juniors look up to the seniors and want to shape their playing skills after them.

"Hard work has helped them find a lot of natural talent. They are working

hard and seeing huge success," says Regina, the head of the school's music department. The band is composed of many strong players. Seven of the senior students also took the jazz course which is offered at the high school to help them become masters.

"This is a really good year for the band because it has so many strong senior players and because it has the best ever attendance for rehearsals. They all pull together; without a doubt this is the most dedicated swing band I've directed."

Regina wanted to find a way to bring up the attendance level as no harm can come out of practice. He changed the rehearsal time to 5:30 to 7 p.m. That gives people who want to play sports or take driver's lessons the option of doing everything.

Getting an invitation to the Nationals is a huge deal. The last time it happened in HHSS history was in the spring of 1988 when Rick Vaughan was teacher. They attended the Nationals in Calgary. Although they didn't win they came away with a lot of valuable experience.

Fundraising tactics are being put into place in order to ease the financial

burden of travelling to Montreal. An anonymous donor has already come forward with \$400 towards the trip.

A shot at receiving scholarships at the Nationals is a drawing appeal. There are \$100,000 worth of scholarships to be given out. Students who want to pursue music are eligible.

Seventeen-year-old Kristy Bourgeois, who is part of the senior ratio of swing members, hopes to be able to apply for a music scholarship. Kristy has plans of going to Nanaimo, British Columbia to study jazz at the same school that jazz great Diana Krall attended.

In order to apply for a scholarship at this event you need a two-part audition. First a two-track CD needs to be recorded. If that recording is accepted then a formal audition will take place.

"I've been interested in jazz music, mostly blues, since Grade 7 and 8, but it really peaked in Grade 9 when I joined the swing band. It's a great opportunity," Kristy says.

With the talent that this band displays there's little doubt its members will be successful in their endeavours.

Top: A mixture of seniors and juniors are in the swing band. The last time the high school sent a band to a national competition was 1988.

Left: Trumpeting sounds echoed throughout the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's hallways during Thursday's rehearsal as Grade 12 Andrew Wherry belts out a tune.

Left middle: Grade 9 Melanie Shapiera rehearses in preparation for the upcoming Montreal performance.

Photos by Darren Lum



Long day of voting ends on third ballot

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of the event to get their community service hours by helping campaign with signs and set-up and tear-down. Former Conservative MPP Chris Hodgson, who was supporting Devolin, and current MP Laurie Scott, who was supporting her former campaign manager, David Scrymgeour, were also present.

"I hope [the other candidates] do well, but not too well," Devolin said in an interview before the voting took place. "Whoever is selected, the other candidates will support him. This morning we are five teams, by the end of the day we will be one."

"No matter who wins, the remaining candidates have to rally behind him. We're all in this to get the Liberals out," said fellow candidate Jaime Schmale.

After each candidate was given fifteen minutes to speak, the voting began. The competition seemed tight as all the candidates had many supporters. In the first vote a candidate had to garner 515 of the 1,029 votes, or half of the people present, to win the race outright.

With only one spoiled ballot, Barry Devolin came out with 353 votes, Dan Cornell had 340, David Scrymgeour followed with 213, Jamie Schmale had 88 and James Blair trailed with 34. Blair, a

AMY GRIEVES/ECHO



After being elected as the new Conservative Party of Canada candidate Barry Devolin is congratulated by HHSS students Meghan Kernohan, Racheal Outram, and Nicole Hawley.

high school teacher, had to leave the race due to the lack of votes and encouraged his supporters to vote for Dan Cornell.

In the second ballot Jamie Schmale had the fewest votes and was automatically dropped from the ballot. David Scrymgeour voluntarily left the race, leaving Cornell, the former Alliance candidate, and Barry Devolin battling for the lead in the third ballot.

With people on cell phones frantically calling people who had left before the day was through to come back and vote, chaos was predominant as the third and final voting took place. It was a tense time as many were tired after such a long and packed day.

Seven-hundred and twenty-three votes were cast in this final balloting, three of them spoiled. Dan Cornell came out strong with 265 votes but Barry Devolin took charge with 458 votes,

making him the first candidate for the new Conservative Party of Canada in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Until the third ballot the competition between Cornell and Devolin was very close, with Devolin having only a 13-vote lead over Cornell in the first ballot.

"I've had so many people work so hard for me that I need to thank, but Stephen Wilcox, my campaign manager is the only one I'll name right now," Cornell, a lawyer from Lindsay, said as he accepted defeat.

But Cornell quickly set his sights on the next battle for votes: the federal election, which may be as early as this spring.

"We did it," Cornell said, "we brought two parties together to take on John O'Reilly. Barry Devolin has my complete support. Let's send John out to skin beavers or whatever he's going to do."

Devolin and his wife Ursula (Beachli) grew up in Haliburton. He was the riding's candidate when the Reform Party was first formed.

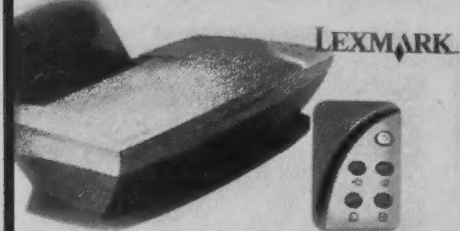
After losing that election to O'Reilly, he had several political jobs including working for the Reform Party in Ottawa and for his childhood friend, Chris Hodgson, when Hodgson was a provincial cabinet minister in the Mike Harris government.

Devolin was Premier Ernie Eves' local campaign manager in the last provincial election.

Chris Hodgson's brother, Andrew, who was the former executive director for the provincial Progressive Conservative Party, worked on Devolin's campaign. The Hodgsons and Devolin are supporting Tony Clement in the Conservative Party's leadership race; Cornell supports Stephen Harper.

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Gallery closes for summer while building moves

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Head Lake Park may be without two of its main perks this summer, public washrooms and the Rails End Gallery.

Joe Smith, president of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts, says that they are hoping to begin the process of moving the Rails End in further towards the park this spring and complete the renovations over the course of the summer. The plan at this point is for the gallery to be closed over the summer and to open year-round this fall.

Smith says they are hoping to complete a new strategic plan over the next few months to give them direction on how they will operate the gallery.

Right now the gallery does not have a curator. The last curator, Sharyn Bray, took a new job with Sir Sandford Fleming College as an employment counsellor. Smith says they will be looking to hire a new curator for the fall.

The Art in Park event will still take place at the end of July but it's not yet known where the crowds will be directed to go for public washrooms. The public washrooms in Head Lake Park had to be closed due to new provincial water regulations. Water was being drawn from the river for the washrooms and even though signs were posted not to drink the water the potential was there for the water to be contaminated and consumed. Since there is no way to guarantee that moving water is safe from one day to the next, the municipality had to close the washrooms.

Dysart et al clerk Tammy McKelvey says options that council is considering

include drilling a new well, using an alternative water supply, installing a treatment system or permanently closing the washrooms and redirecting people to

the public washrooms in the Stedmans Mall or other locations. She is not sure when a decision will be made.

At yesterday's council meeting, a letter

was received from the Parklane Apartments that said the system there could not provide water for public washrooms.



DARREN LUM/Echo

PM talks healthcare

Prime Minister Paul Martin speaks to the local and national media and to throngs of interested citizens in the main entrance of the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Wednesday last week. This was part of Martin's tour of Ontario that included Kenner Collegiate in Peterborough earlier in the day.

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The new Conservative

THE DYNAMICS OF SATURDAY'S SELECTION of the first candidate for the new Conservative Party of Canada were fascinating. Barry Devolin was supported by his childhood chum, Chris Hodgson, the riding's former MPP. Jamie Schmale is married to Hodgson's former assistant, Julia Bryant. David Scrymgeour had the backing of Hodgson's replacement at Queen's Park, Laurie Scott, who had won her bid as MPP with Scrymgeour's help. Dan Cornell, who was the Alliance candidate before the Alliance united with the Progressive Conservatives to become the Conservatives, had the organizational abilities of his former party behind him. James Blair is a relative outsider with few formal ties to party machinations.

Hodgson's support clearly made a difference for Devolin and will certainly make local Conservatives hopeful that they can oust Liberal MP John O'Reilly in

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the next federal election. Hodgson, with the help of his brother Andrew, who is known for his behind-the-scenes political savvy, was able to rise from Haliburton obscurity and become one

of the most powerful cabinet ministers in the Mike Harris government. With the Hodgson team behind him, Devolin is set to give O'Reilly a strong challenge.

The federal election will be fascinating. On the Conservatives' side is a united front and the hope that voters on the right will no longer be split between PCs and Alliance. On the Liberals' side is a new Prime Minister, Paul Martin, who despite the sponsorship scandal, is still personally popular. On the downside for the Conservatives, the new party may alienate those Tories who were left-of-centre on social issues; for the Liberals, the scandals of the former government were still Liberal scandals. For many voters, deciding who's going to get their vote will likely become a matter of strategy, not conviction. The fun is just beginning.

When reporters become the news

The news became much too personal for the people attending the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's awards gala at Toronto's Inn on the Park on Saturday night. Accustomed as they are to filling newspapers with tragic tales of car accidents, fires and senseless death, they were stunned into collective silence when one of their own collapsed suddenly and died. It was news that broke their hearts.

Stephen Shaw was at the top of his game. After leaving the *Haliburton County Echo* in 1994, he found his niche, both personally and professionally, in Oshawa-Whitby. Not only did he establish himself as the best crime reporter in the district, but the proximity between work and home allowed him to spend as much time as possible with his family, which was deeply important to him.

Stephen is the third former *Echo* reporter to have died at a tragically young age. Linda Shutt was 44 when she was killed in a car accident; Nancy Kuzmich had just turned 40 when she died of brain cancer; Stephen, at 34, had just been crowned the OCNA's Reporter of the Year for the second year in a row when he died.

Each passing is a reminder of the fragility of life and the arbitrary nature of death. Their deaths make us more sensitive, as journalists, to the impact of our words. When we become part of the news we realize just how horrible it really is.

Everyone at *The Echo* would like to extend their sincere condolences to Stephen's family, and to his family of co-workers at *Oshawa-Whitby This Week*. Their heartache is unfathomable and we wish them strength and endurance in the days ahead.



The Echo's view of Monday's world

Photo by Darren Lum

When small gets big

A YEAR AGO we read in *The Echo* that a plaza of 64,000 square feet was planned. In itself that number meant little.

Elsewhere a centre of that size might be the smallest in its locale. Here it was bigger than all the main street shops put together. It was only by seeing the numbers in context that we began to grasp the extent of the proposal. That is true with so many of the activities and institutions in our Highlands. Never more so than with the arts.

Most of us catch a glimpse of parts of it for we are involved as professionals, volunteers, participants, spectators, or any combination thereof, but few of us ever see the breadth of activities that make this region so distinctive. We periodically read about them in our newspapers. It's only when we begin to put those parts together, however, that we realize just what this community has created.

The School of the Arts has long been part of our makeup. Are we aware, however, of how the musical and dramatic arts are burgeoning? We have the summer theatre with its record last year of thirty-two performances of four plays with sales of seventy per cent overall and it is growing every year. That's summertime and tourists.

It's the other three seasons that have become the true testament to the vitality of the arts in Haliburton. Through their participation, residents are helping to make this into an artistic Mecca. We now have at least four concert bands and five choruses and choirs, separate from the school and church organizations. Most astonishing and probably most rare is the Music Festival - one man's dream, Len Pizzeys. Over a number of years it has expanded into a five-day long event in which young and old, several hundreds of them, perform before adjudicators. A final recital, which last year was more than sold out, will this year expand to two recitals on separate days. That says everything about the success of this ven-

ture. What an excellent indicator of the artistic vitality of this region!

There is, however, one more facet, the degree to which this community beckons the artistry of well-known national talents, usually only found in metropolitan areas. A music concert series has been bringing outstanding artists three or four times a year to Haliburton. It is still functioning and even gaining adherents each year. The series sold out at the Northern Lights Pavilion two years ago and is close to that goal weeks before the series begins this

year. According to comments made at a recent Ontario Contact Conference of like-minded communities, we are now a rarity! Few other communities have been able to sustain a classical series and we are growing. What a tribute to the arts in the Highlands!

A second facet is slowly creeping up on us. This one may one day put us on a world tourist map. It's a walk in the woods; in particular a stroll through Glebe

Park where sculptures of great variety by renowned sculptors present works that include a wire moose, a stone totem, tiny, frolicking figures on a massive rock, a huge waving frond that pop out at us at unexpected moments. It began from one woman's dream, like the festival. Barb Bolin had been in Ginsdale, England and walked in the woods and saw the results of years of work by the dreamers and doers. This Ginsdale Forest has become a major tourist attraction, has produced a wonderful book, and even has a continual artist-in-residence program. Haliburton's 'Walk in the Woods' has far to go but, if the festival could defy the odds so can this dream.

If one put all the clippings from our local papers about individuals and events in the arts that they have profiled over the past twenty or so years, it would be necessary, perhaps, to make several volumes. What an enriching place in which to reside!



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Horning in on horror

RECENTLY I'VE BEEN NOTICING a worrisome trend in the media that showcases horrible, graphic images of men being subjected to dreadful degradation, incredible torture and even humiliating public whippings. I'm not sure how home decorating shows got this popular, but, believe me, they have.

As a result, I have little hope for our civilization or any that tries to follow. I'm basing this on historical evidence, of course.

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Remember, Rome fell at about roughly the same time that frescoes, bath houses, statues, mosaic floors and backyard fountains became popular. Suffice it to say, each of these menaces was inspired by decorators looking for a new twist.

Now we're at it again with a vengeance.

The primary problem with home decorating shows is that they desensitize us to the suffering of our fellow man. Sure, the first time you watch some poor shmuck move a couch you feel uneasy. But,

if you watch it night after night, the torment soon becomes easier to accept - almost entertaining. In no time at all, you start to believe that seeing the dark recesses of a fully exposed plumber's crack is just a normal part of life - something that everyone has to live with. After that, it's not too long before the barbarians are burping at the gates.

This is particularly scary because the plumber's crack has always been a man's last line of defense when it comes to furniture moving. In the past, only a select few women have had the stomach to witness this spectacle more than once or twice in a lifetime. That's why the word redecorating was rarely heard in mixed company.

Unfortunately, repeated exposure on home decorating television shows has helped some women build up resistance to this. Butt cleavage is now practically fashionable. Then again, so is a safety pin through the eyebrow.

Call me paranoid, but I believe that this is part of a wider conspiracy that began shortly after women started burning their bras. Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against the symbolism behind bra burning, though I am a little miffed that no one ever asked me for a light. Oh, on the off chance that history repeats itself, I want everyone to know that I now have a fire extinguisher and a brand new Zippo lighter.

But I digress.

Some time after the bra burning phase, television producers made a concerted effort to create quality programming. This was supposed to be useful, informative, socially responsible and far less mindless. It's why I stopped watching.

It's no coincidence, however, that this was about the same time that women rose to executive positions in the entertainment industry. Trust me, home decorating shows are only the tip of the iceberg lettuce my friends.

Even now, the battle lines are being drawn. They've already got the Home Shopping and Women's Television Network as well as the Food Channel and Home and Garden TV. If this trend continues, we'll soon be faced with the Honey What Are You Thinking Network? or Gee That Was Quick TV.

To which we'll have no credible response.

I speak as someone who has just returned from the symbolic front lines. My wife Carol is now practically addicted to home improvement shows. This does not bode well for me personally, nor for the time I plan on spending fishing this spring.

Lately, she's been rumbling about the need for us to reorganize my office. She claims it will make me more productive and efficient. She says this like it's a good thing. In actuality, it merely confirms that she knows nothing about the writing process.

Yet, each time she watches some redecorating show, her resolve grows stronger. Now she's starting to buy modular magazine racks and hinting that my fishing gear ought to be kept outside. Last week, she even asked me whether I liked futons or wicker. I told her wicker — but only because it burns easier.

She's considering the purchase of proper filing cabinets and a well-thought-out system to organize my photos and slides. She even wants to set up a data base and store all my reference books within arm's reach. If this madness doesn't stop I'll soon have no reason at all to step away from the keyboard at all.

The horror....

Worse still, the other day she unveiled her plan to move my desk to a location that makes the most use of our ambient natural lighting. Translated, that means I'll have to move several pieces of heavy furniture.

As far as I can tell, there's only one way to end this madness. I'll need a pair of pants that slide low on the hips when I bend. Dear God I hope she hasn't built up her immunity yet.



pic of the past

THE KOSY KORNER restaurant in Haliburton has been in the news a lot lately, what with Mike Myers' visit in December and his culinary trip down memory lane on the Conan O'Brien show last month. Here's a photo which evokes the restaurant's former glory days. It's originally from the collection of Sandra Archer, whose uncle, Ray Archer, was a long-time owner of the restaurant. It was shared with us by sisters Betty Field and Gladys Fajar, to whom we owe our thanks.

letters to the editor

Highlands missing out with ATVs

To the Editor:

Simple sells

It's a fact. If you create a product that is simple, affordable and flexible it will sell.

Picture some ATVer's chatting about where they should go to ride and one of them says "Hey, let's go to Haliburton." The other says, "Ya, but I heard they closed that rail trail." "No that's just in the summer months." "Are you sure? Forget it, let's go to ..."

Think it hasn't or won't happen? It already has.

As a longtime (lifetime) cottager with a great passion for the area and a somewhat recent (last two years) ATVer I have already gone with friends to places such as Parry Sound and Sudbury with our machines and our money. Why? They made it simple. Spring Jam in Parry Sound is just one example. Six of us went last year. It's a well-organized event, a choice of different rides available on the Saturday. We happened to choose the one that used their rail trail. In the afternoon a rumble ride through town with over three hundred machines participating. What a sight. Citizens and business owners were lined along the streets cheering us on, it was fantastic!

Sad truth, we felt more welcomed by another town than our own. Have we got what it takes to become an ATV tourist destination? You bet, and then some.

I have sat back and read all the editorials and e-mails with the hope that common sense would

take over and the rail trail would be opened up to ATVs for other than the winter months and the municipality would open up the roads as others have. The club could then get on with getting maps printed and we could get going. However, it seems that the old adage "There is no such thing as common sense otherwise everyone would have it" is true. Never mind that the fact that it would be unmanageable but if you close the rail trail to ATV use for July and August you might as well close it completely quiet simply because "perception is reality". It's not just about the trail being open. The real question becomes "Is Haliburton open or closed for business?"

As an aside, while on our trip last year I bought a map from the provincial tourist information booth on Highway 69. It is the Ontario trails map published by the Ontario Trails Council and very clearly shows the Haliburton Rail Trail as multi use including ATV. I can just imagine someone coming to town with this same map hoping to ride just to find out the trail is closed. think they are ever coming back? Think they will understand why? Dust control? Right. Same logic says to close the cottage road for July and August.

My hope would be that council understands that simple does sell and that if you want to put "heads in beds" you need to keep the "trail closed" sign off the pillows.

Peter Kukkonen,
Georgetown/Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





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We are the champions!

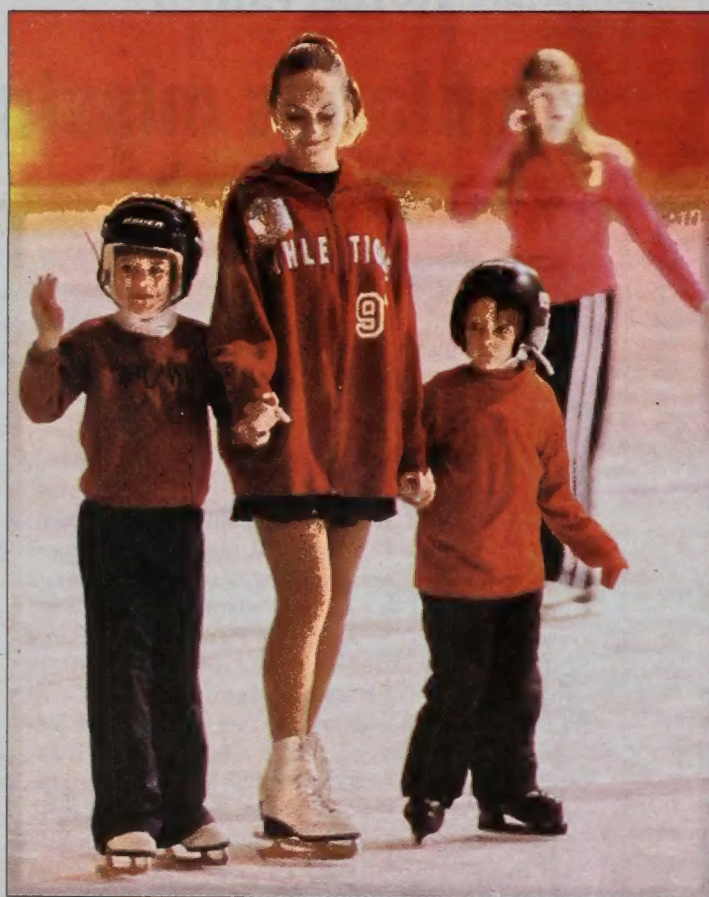
The Highland Storm's Novice Rep team adds another prestigious banner to the arena walls.



Ashley Sharpe was Staying Alive



Chris Hogan, Kristyn Hutt, Candice Grimes, Natasha Robinson and Kimberley Toews love dancing to YMCA.



These skaters were as sweet as Lollipops

Wilberforce skaters Remember When...

The Monmouth Figure Skating Club's annual carnival had the crowds clapping with enthusiasm as the skaters took to the ice to demonstrate all they've learned in the past year. Andrea Donaldson is the club's head coach; Crystal Hannah is her assistant.

Photos by Martha Perkins



Bobbie-Jo Lewis and Ashley Alden spin



Come on baby, let's do the twist



With enough flair to land themselves a job on Broadway, these skaters form a chorus line in New York, New York

Red Hawks wrestlers pin success at OFSAA

Two Red Hawks wrestlers represented the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at the OFSAA Wrestling Championships last week. Melanie Howitt and Jackie Grech finished among the top 16 in the province after competing at the three-day tournament at the University of Windsor.

Hosting over 750 wrestlers from all over Ontario, the provincial high school championships is the largest wrestling tournament in Canada. All wrestlers competed at a high level at OFSAA, which was aptly named "The Tournament of Champions". Howitt and Grech earned their berth into the OFSAA championships by winning silver medals at the COSSA Wrestling Championships on February 19 in Lindsay. The top two finalists in each weight class advanced to the provincial championships, representing our region.

Melanie Howitt led the team all season with character, commitment and determination. With only two years of wrestling experience, Melanie has developed into a premier wrestler capable of competing at the provincial level in the 54 kg (119 lb) weight class. The competition was outstanding in this category. Howitt's weight class was the most competitive women's category at the tournament.

Melanie had an excellent start at the tournament. In her first match, she opened with a double leg attack and finished by pinning her opponent within the first minute. Howitt had a tough draw for her second match. She wrestled very well against an experienced wrestler for the first half of the match. In the second half, Howitt lost in a scramble and could not escape a pin.

With a win earlier in the day, she advanced to the second day of the tournament. In her third match of the tournament, she wrestled well, but was caught in a throw. She could not get out of the pin and lost the match.

Melanie should be congratulated on an outstanding high school wrestling career. She ranks in the top 16 in Ontario for her

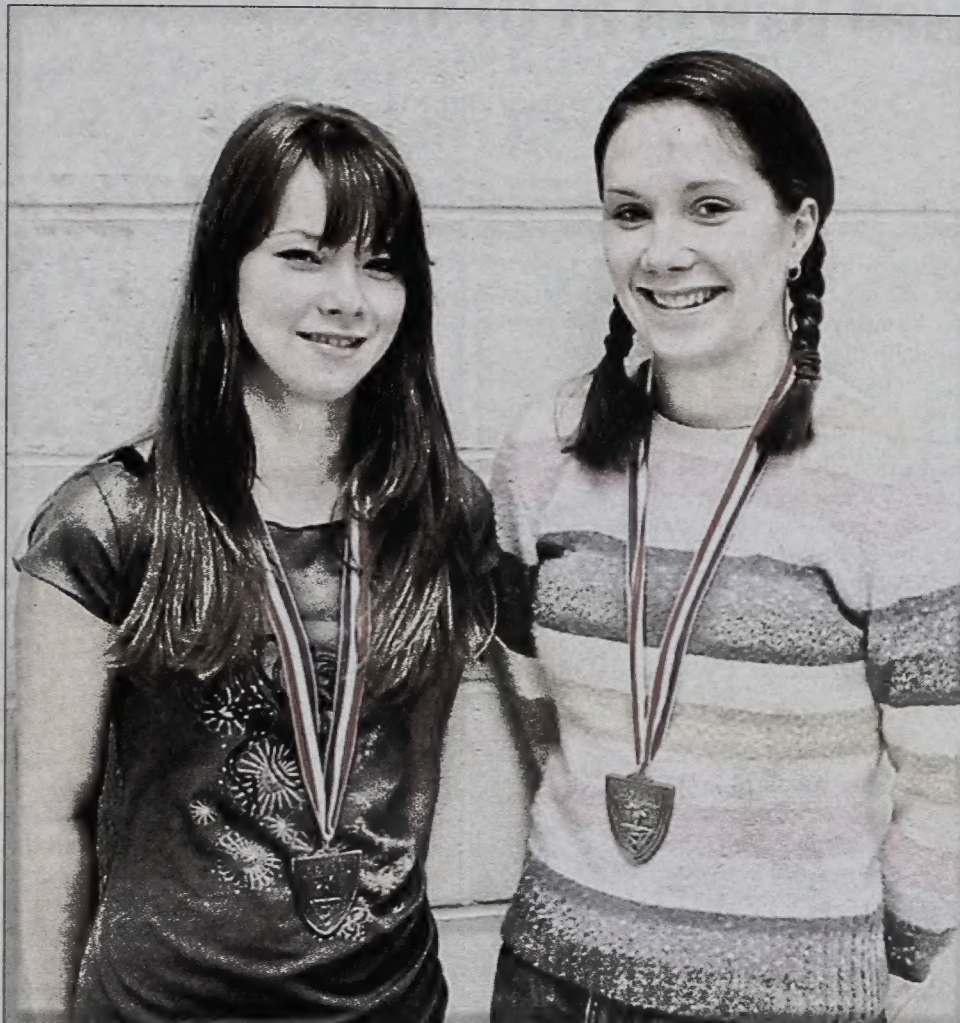
weight class. Howitt is the best wrestler that HHSS has produced and has set a high standard for future wrestlers. She graduates this year and hopes to continue wrestling at university.

In the 41 kg (90 lb) weight class, Jackie Grech showed that she can wrestle with the best at the provincial level. Her technique has improved considerably in the last half of the season. As a Grade 10 student with experience at OFSAA, she is a solid contender in future years as a wrestler. After battling a fierce bout with her own anxiety, Grech was ready for her first match. She beat her opponent with a quick leg attack and a pin. Grech's second match was against 18 year old Haley Dermott, the number one seed in the weight class. Jackie wrestled her best against an accomplished wrestler, but ended up losing in the second round. Dermott went on to win the OFSAA gold.

On the second day, she started with a close match. She was caught in a throw early in the match, but fought hard to escape a pin. Jackie got stronger as the match went on, ultimately leading by a score of 7 - 5 and finishing with a pin to win her second match of the tournament.

She advanced to the sixth round of competition, where she faced a competitor from our region. She wrestled the Bancroft wrestler throughout this season and has only beaten her once. The match was excellent. Grech was determined to win and earn a spot on the podium at OFSAA. Unfortunately, time ran out with the score at 6 - 3. Jackie lost her second match of the tournament. Congratulations go to Jackie on a fantastic performance at OFSAA. She ranks in the top 8 in Ontario and has two more years to compete in high school. The future looks good.

With the OFSAA championships over, the 2003/04 wrestling season comes to a close. Coaches Fockler and Klose thank all of the wrestlers on the team for their hard work and commitment throughout the entire season.



Above: OFSAA competitors Jackie Grech and Melanie Howitt.



Left: Howitt holds down a competitor during the wrestling competition.

Story and photos by Paul Klose.

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Strong showing for Red Hawks at OFSAA

Creelman's 34th place best among Red Hawks' finishers

The Nordic Ski Team had an amazing trip to Ottawa to compete in OFSAA. Over half our team finished in the middle of the best skiers in Ontario. Way to go team! Our Junior boys, 10th after the individual races on Monday skied an awesome relay race Tuesday to steal 9th place.

Special mention to Max Creelman whose relay times place him up with the best in the province (12th fastest time of the day) as he led the Juniors both days. Max had our top finish in 34th place followed 4 seconds later by Ryan Bottum in 36th.

Sean Keaney had two great races as well with a speed of almost 20 km per hour in the individuals. Josh was close behind with 19 km/hr.

Laura Stouffer, our sole female skier, placed 60th out of almost 120 skiers.

Thanks team for the amazing effort and the great memories.

Sr. Boys (129 total skiers)
Josh Wales* 61, 19.1 km/h;
Sean Keaney* 71, 19.7 km/h;
Conrad Flatman* 98, 17.3 km/h;
Kyle Thompson 113, 16 km/h.

Jr. Boys (101 total skiers)
Max Creelman* 34, 19.66 km/h;
Ryan Bottum* 36, 19.62 km/h;
Josh Mayhew* 73, 16 km/h;
David Wright 98, 13.1 km/h.

Jr. Girls (116 total skiers)
Laura Stouffer 60, 12 km/h.

Monday's Individual Race:
Sr. Boys 8.4 km, Jr. Boys 6.4 km, Jr. Girls 4.1 km
Tuesday Relay Races*:
Sr. Boys 3x5.0km, Jr. Boys 3x3.2 km.



Right: Jordan Howe and Stewart Chaulk watch as Nick Hunter battles for puck.

Above: Kris Calvert and Jake Harrison racing to beat an Ennismore player to the puck.



Storm's Novice As skate to victory

Three game sweep by Storm earns first OMHA championship

WADE MACINNES

Special to the Echo

We are the champions!!!

In the third season of amalgamation for the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association, the Special "K" Novice Rep Team has brought home the first OMHA championship for the Highlands.

After winning the Tri-County Novice Championship last year as a Tyke-age team these little rippers had one goal in mind at the start of the 2003-2004 season, - winning the coveted Red Lobster Cup!

The boys did just that on the road in Ennismore this past Saturday by downing the Eagles 10-1 in a convincing three-game sweep. The Conn Smythe Trophy for this series was split between Jordan Howe and Tanner Hamilton for their outstanding passion for giving setting up their linemates a ton.

This little Highland hockey team will be featured in an upcoming issue of "Home Town Hockey" and will have their championship victory logged forever in the OMHA archives of champions. Check the manual of operations of next season to catch our team.

The boys have one more kick at the can in a 16-team Novice tourney in Bracebridge March 26 to the 28. There are teams coming from all over Ontario, Iroquois Falls to

Welland. Good Luck lads!! With the joy of victory comes sadness knowing that this excellent season has just about come to a close. Next year the team will probably split up, losing two or three players to the Atom "A" team (10-year-olds), but for the core of the team they'll be shooting for another OMHA title as the Storm Atom "AE" team.

Most great hockey minds when discussing player development will tell you that youngsters playing in their own age group improve puck handling skills because they get to play with the puck. Playing against older, stronger, faster kids can be frustrating to some minor players as they end up chasing most of the time and if they manage to get the puck it's for a split second before they get checked or knocked on their can.

It's hoped parents think about this when deciding at what level their young players should be competing. It's also hoped that the players and parents don't get lured away by the false promises of "AAA" hockey down south. The fact is that 99.99% of minor hockey players end up playing recreational hockey later on so let them enjoy their minor hockey days playing with their chums in front of their hometown fans, unless of course your son's of

Bobby Orr calibre and you have \$5,000 a winter to spend.

A lot of people have been asking how our amalgamation is working out? Well most of the Rep and "AE" teams compete at the "CC" level and watching the little novice team skate around the Ennismore ice each taking turns hoisting the gold cup, their OMHA championship hats and gold medals abreast, with grins baring every molar and bicuspid, it brings a tear of joy to your heart. The most important fact of Minden and Haliburton joining forces is the 123 youngsters playing fun hockey locally in our county league. Bravo to all the people who have made this happen.

The 2004 OMHA "CC" Novice "A" champion Storm Novice team of Mike Kunkel, Zach Boice, Ben Hicks, Mike Nelson, Jake Harrison, Tanner Ballantyne, Nicky Hunter, Jordan Howe, Stewart Chaulk, Donovan MacInnes, Taylor Rowbotham, Tanner Hamilton and Kris Calvert would like to thank their coaches Dean Chaulk, Jeff Howe and Barry Boice for an awesome year, their sponsors Haliburton Timbr-Mart and Haliburton Legion 129 and most of all their parents and grandparents for all their love and support. Thanks and have a great summer.



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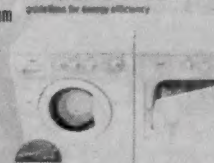
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Red Hawks curlers take COSSA silver

TOM DIBBLEE
Special to the Echo

The Boys Red Hawk Curling Team travelled to Lindsay on March 3 as the A-Side winners representing Kawartha at the COSSA Curling Championships. The team consisted of skip Rob Ainsley, vice Ryan Cole, and lead Jeff Sobil. The team's second, Jake Walker, was unable to make it due to illness but was with his teammates in spirit. The team of three competed against other teams from St. Theresa's (Belleville), North Hastings (Bancroft) and Thomas A. Stewart (Peterborough). The Red Hawks tied for first in the Round Robin Tournament with two wins and one loss. Following the COSSA rules for a tie, HHSS earned second place and narrowly missed advancing to OFSAA. The team had a great day, close games, and amazing results. The boys represented HHSS well exemplifying our school credo of Respect, Commitment and



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Skip, Rob Ainsley, vice Ryan Cole, and Jeff Sobil stand proudly with their medals. Responsibility. Way to go boys! Game Results: Game 1 vs. St. Theresa's: Loss 5-4 Game 2 vs. North Hastings: Win 8-7 Game 3 vs. Thomas A. Stewart: Win 6-1 Chauffeur, cheerleader, chaperone and coach Tom Dibblee is very proud of the team and its efforts efforts. Thanks

HHSS Hawks claim championship

The HHSS Red Hawk Hockey Team defeated the Lakefield Tigers by a score of 5 to 3 on Friday to capture the Kawartha AA high school hockey championship. In order to get to this point the team had to defeat Campbellford in the semi-final round. they took care of business by winning two games straight in the best of three series. The Hawks defeated Lakefield in game one by scoring two third-period goals and winning 4 to 3. Game two made the series a series as the Lakefield Tigers clawed their way to a 5 to 1 win and the Hawks lost assistant-captain Benji Saunders to a separated shoulder. The decision game three was a penalty-filled affair putting much pressure on the power play and penalty-killing players as well as the goal tenders. With the Hawks up 4 to 1 it looked like the boys had the cup in their hands. A couple Lakefield power play goals kept the

crowd glued to their seats. The Hawks secured the win with a late third period goal to win the game and championship. The Red Hawks now face St. Pauls from Trenton in the best of three for the COSSA championship. Game two will be in Haliburton Tuesday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m. Both the Red Hawks and St. Pauls will advance to the All-Ontario Championships held in London on March 24-27. Congratulations boys - Light it up. Team members include: Goaltenders Jeremy Moynes, and Andy Dawson; Defense Dave Petch, Adam Hutson, Josh Fick, Mark Fisher, Shawn Heming, Ryan Hutson; Forwards Evan Kernohan, Benji Saunders, Kevin Walker, Sean Keaney, Matt Roberts, Justin Abbs, Jesse Johnson, Jonathan Sharpley, Tim Pettit, Aaron Keaney, Travis Walker, Aaron Donaldson, Kenton McGann, Connor MacMillan, Coaches Ron Yake and Kevin Hilderley.

HHSS seniors claim first Kawartha AA Championship

PAUL LONGO (HHSS coach)
Special to the Echo

The Senior Boys Red Hawks Basketball team competed at the COSSA Championships on March 4 in Peterborough. The team was pumped heading into the semi-final against the Moira Trojans from Belleville. A win would mean a berth in the COSSA final against Nicholson High School, also from Belleville. In the opening half, the Red Hawks made a number of uncharacteristic fouls and turnovers that cost them early. At the half, they trailed the aggressive Moira squad 28-22 but felt confident that they could turn the game around. In the second half, the Red Hawks and Trojans matched each other almost bucket for bucket and as time dwindled away, the Hawks knew that their run at COSSA and OFSAA was ending. Final score Moira 55, Haliburton 43. Great season guys!! For the first time in HHSS history there will be a Kawartha "AA" Champions banner hanging in the gym. The team worked hard and more importantly the players are men of honour and integrity. Coaches Sternberg and Longo thank you for an enjoyable season. Thanks also to Shannon Cole, Jodi Curry, Matt McElwain, and to all of their supporters (parents and fans) for your help this season. Basketball is alive and well in Haliburton County.

Highlights of the day include:

- Playing with only three players and succeeding!
- Rob's tap up in Game 1, End 6 that required four different people measuring and the Head Official giving the 1 point to St. Theresa's by 1/100th of a unit on the micrometer
- An excellent finish of the season and high school curling careers for Rob and Ryan.



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Left: A tireless community volunteer, Bill Hartin was a fixture at the Glen Dart Memorial hockey tournament, announcing the games inside the arena's booth. He will be missed during this year's tournament.

Bottom: (from left) Glen Dart's grandson Devon Dart helps Hartin with the announcing duties inside the booth during the 50th Glen Dart.



Haliburton welcomes 52nd annual Glen Dart

Bill Hartin will be missed at annual children's memorial hockey tournament

ROGER DART

Special to the Echo

On Saturday, March 13 the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association will present the 52nd Annual Glen Dart Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Dysart Community Centre in Haliburton.

The tournament is the culmination of the season for more than 120 players in the Storm's County League. The six Junior and four Senior County League teams will participate in five preliminary games lead-

ing to a series of five championship games. As well, the tournament will include a play-off game between the Tri-County League Novice "B" Storm and the Woodville Hurricanes.

Sadly, Bill Hartin, a long-time supporter of the Glen Dart Tournament, will not be with us at the tournament this year as he passed away on February 12. For more years than anyone can remember Bill was on hand. Between games he was meeting and greeting the hockey players and fans. During games he was at his post in the

timekeeper's box. A generation of Haliburton County hockey players first experienced the thrill of hearing their name echo in a cavernous arena, just like their hockey heroes in the NHL, when Bill announced the starting line-ups; goals, assists and penalties at the Glen Dart Tournament. Bill will long be remembered by the Haliburton hockey community.

Tournament convenor Wade MacInnes promises lots of exciting hockey action at this year's Glen Dart Tournament. For all 11 games a day pass is only \$5 for adults, \$2 for Seniors, and children 12 and under are free.

Schedule for this year's tournament:
Game 1: 9 am Wings vs. Avalanche
Game 2: 10 am Sharks vs. Canucks
Game 3: 11 am Blues vs. Wild

Game 4: 12 pm Sabres vs. Leafs

Game 5: 1 pm Bruins vs. Flyers

Game 6: 2 pm Novice "B" Storm vs. Woodville

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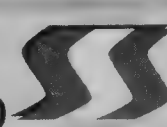
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Haliburton's figure skating club shines

Local club shows off their talents at Minden Meet to Skate competition



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Special to the Echo

February 21 - 22 turned out to be a very successful weekend for the Haliburton Figure Skating Club at the Minden Meet to Skate competition.

Competitors representing the Ottawa, Barrie, the Toronto area, as well as local clubs, skated in different events in hopes of going home with a medal.

The Haliburton skaters showed the crowd just what skating is all about.

Here is a list of results:

Terri-Lynn Lumley received first in Silver Ladies Artistic and first in Silver Ladies Triathlon - three events combining skills, artistic and freeskate.

Shane Outram won first in the junior bronze men's division.

Amanda vanLieshout received a third for her preliminary solo, second in the preliminary elements, and second in introductory pairs.

Meghan Bottum, second in pre-preliminary solo, third in preliminary elements, and a second in introductory pairs.

Minna Schleifenbaum, received C8 in

pre - preliminary ladies.

Ashleigh Schollig, received second for pre-novice ladies short and third in pre-novice ladies long.

Kirsten Schollig was second in pre-preliminary ladies and second in pre-preliminary ladies elements and third in preliminary ladies elements.

Sandy Griffith was second in pre-preliminary ladies A.

Jessica Duchene was sixth in pre-preliminary ladies A.

Molly Thurston was fourth in pre-preliminary ladies A.

Shannon McMurray was sixth in pre-preliminary ladies A.

Jillian Mayhew was fifth in pre-preliminary ladies A.

Justin vanLieshout was second in pre-preliminary men's.

Anita Robbins was second in Senior bronze ladies elements.

Star Skate Introductory Pairs, Sandy Griffith and Justin vanLieshout were second, and Minna Schleifenbaum and Bethany Snelgrove were third.

In beginner Pairs Amanda vanLieshout and Meghan Bottum were second.

From top left: medal winning skaters from the Haliburton Figure Skating Club at the Minden Meet To Skate Competition are Terri-Lynn Lumley, Molly Thurston, Minna Schleifenbaum, Jessica Duchene, Shane Outram, Sandy Griffith and in the front row Jillian Mayhew and Shannon McMurray.

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

The eighth Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2004 at 3:00 pm in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden site, Hyland Crest.

2004/05 Membership in the Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident (including seasonal) of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the township of Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of the City of Kawartha Lakes; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County, for a period of at least 12 months, and paid the annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the AGM, new memberships must be obtained by March 24 2004. Membership from last year, 2003/04, will expire at the close of this AGM.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination which must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board at least thirty days before the Annual General Meeting.

The fee may be paid, and a membership card obtained, at both sites of the HHHS, Minden and Haliburton, during regular business hours, or by contacting the Haliburton Highlands Health Services at Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 or telephone: 705-457-1392 ext.248 / facsimile 705-457-2398 or email: brussell@hhhs.on.ca

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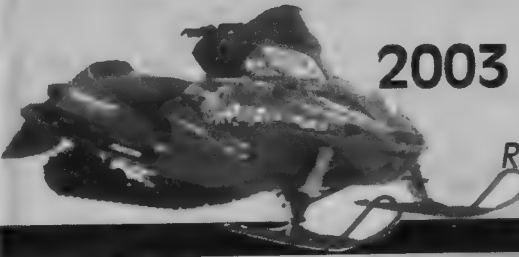
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Reporter known for his diligence, persistence

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ments, the Mary Knowles Award for outstanding community service.

Several members of the Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times were also at the awards ceremony at Inn at the Park. (The Echo and Times were presented with a total of 16 awards, including best newspaper in Ontario in their circulation category. See story on page 16.)

Staff were in the line with Shaw as everyone waited to get their picture taken with their awards and had given him their heartfelt congratulations. All thoughts of "smiling for the camera" quickly disappeared, however, after Shaw collapsed.

Shaw had come into his stride as the crime reporter for the Metroland paper, with stories that displayed both a keen eye for detail, a strict sense of ethics and a flair for story-telling. He earned both the trust and respect of people involved in all sides of the justice system and it was these "sources" who helped him delve so deeply behind the scenes of area's most sensational cases.

In her comments about Shaw's work, the judge for the Reporter of the Year award, judge Tina Ivany, said, "Stephen Shaw's diligent work helped him expose two security breaches within the community. His persistence in fighting a publication ban he believed unjust, his development of excellent sources within the community and his diligence in covering his beat resulted in three well-researched, well-documented stories that had significant impact on the community."

Burghardt says "You don't replace a Stephen Shaw: not as a husband, or a father, or a co-worker. You remember him with fondness and celebrate his life and his successes.

"Stephen will forever represent the highest standards in community journalism and serve as a role model long after he is gone."

His funeral is today, March 9, at the Benjamin Funeral Home in Toronto, starting at 2:30 p.m. with interment to follow at Mount Sinai Cemetery.

The family's wishes for memorial donations are not yet known

OYAP puts education to work



DARREN LUM/Echo

Darren Johnston accepts a \$500 cheque for his participation with the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. Johnston is apprenticing at Churko Electric intent on completing his 9,000 hours to become an electrician. From left are company owner Steve Churko, HHSS co-op teacher Wanda Mole, the Haliburton County Development Corporation's Trevor Babbs, HCDC general manager Andy Campbell, and Jim Maguire, a training consultant with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.



Jennifer Christian, foreground on left, is the first student at the Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre to join the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. She'll be working alongside Jennifer Wilson, seated, the owner at The Hairstylist, as she learns the art of hair-dressing. Proud of their involvement with the program are Laura Willis, the director of the Learning Centre, Shariff Kassam, a training consultant with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Jamie Beardmore, the head of the apprenticeship program for Trillium Lakelands District School Board.



Gord Skinner, the head chef at the Delta Pinestone Resort, Haliburton County Development Corporation representative Trevor Babbs, and apprenticeship training consultant with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Jim Maguire presented HHSS student Michele White, who is participating in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, with a \$500 cheque. This money will be used for the purchase of equipment related to her culinary training at the resort.



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Smoke-free restaurant gets new customers

To the Editor:

Kudos to Haliburton area businesses such as the Duke of Dysart who are choosing to go smoke free. Next time I'm in town I will look them up. I've heard so much complaining from commercial establishments in Toronto about potentially losing business because of no-smoking bylaws. But it is the upward health trend now, and savvy owners should realize that it is really a new marketing opportunity. Promote your business as non-smoking - you will draw new customers in - perhaps people you have never seen, and those who will appreciate your embracing a healthy philosophy.

When I was growing up in the 70s, I had no choice but to endure my smoky household. My protests about the air quality in my own home fell on deaf ears. Think about children eating in restaurants where people light up. An adult can often choose to leave a smoky environment, but a child may not have that choice and be subjected to second hand smoke from strangers who choose to contaminate the airspace of strangers. You have to be over 19 to enter a drink-

ing establishment, where another party drinking next to you will not affect your health, but why in heaven's name is it legal to take a child into a room where smoking is allowed? Children are much more susceptible to contaminants than adults.

I recall eating at a restaurant in a small community in the summer outside of Thunder Bay. We had been scuba diving, and then went to lunch. After I dive, I can't taste or smell anything, so I was hungrily scarfing my meal when I started coughing at every other breath. I didn't realize until I got up that the lady behind me was smoking. It's not just a nuisance, it's a health hazard. In smaller communities there are less selection of restaurants, so non-smokers have fewer options. Smokers do not HAVE to light up while eating, for goodness sake.

And shame on those hotels and motels who just take the ashtray out of the room when you ask for a non-smoking room. As if we don't notice the stale tobacco odour oozing out of every pore of the place.

Lisa Simkins
Black Lake cottager

Derby an event worth promoting

To the Editor:

Enthusiastic congratulations to everyone involved in the Dogsled Derby! First, of course, to Tanya McCreedy and Hank DeBruin of Winterdance for organising a complex event; to the volunteers who gave their time and effort to make it a success; to the dogs and their mushers who provided hours of excitement; and to all the people who came out to enjoy and support the races. Many thanks from all of us in Haliburton.

The Derby is an ideal tourist attraction for Haliburton. It takes advantage of the natural surroundings — lake, hills, snow

— without causing the slightest damage. It's healthy for participants — dogs and drivers — and for the fans who walk about in the fresh air. And we get to give a lot of visitors a warm Haliburton welcome — people from as far away as Gracefield, Quebec, and Vermont.

We need to encourage and support more events such as the Derby and Trails & Tours's autumn Hike Haliburton festival, events that build tourism in the non-summer seasons and in a wholesome yet profitable way.

Jack Bush
Haliburton

Paint workshop's instructors take a bow

To the Editor:

Wow! What a totally awesome evening some of us were fortunate enough to experience at Haliburton Home Hardware as they presented their first paint seminar. Admittedly, I personally had forgotten just how warm and friendly the people of Haliburton really are.

A special thank you to the folks at Home Hardware along with Kashaga

Paint Design for sharing their vast knowledge and expertise at the seminar. It was very motivating and encouraging to learn helpful hints and techniques and to realize that this knowledgeable staff is readily available to help some of the less experienced, such as myself.

Linda Nottage,
Wilberforce

Unique and Canadian

New Zealander finds her place in this new world called Haliburton

ROBYN THOMAS

Special to The Echo

Scattered as leaves dancing across the landscape of our lives, friends happen upon our existence as if by chance, captivating our imaginations and hearts; forming a vibrant mosaic through the past, into our present and on toward our future.

Living more than a decade in Canada, I find myself blessed with a myriad of friends as beautiful and diverse as richly-hued fall foliage. I arrived, a shy immigrant who spoke English - albeit with a New Zealand accent that caused much hilarity and misunderstanding.

Hesitant about my place in Canadian society, I skirted the edges of life in small town Ontario. Hugging my children in the school parking lot at day's-end I would look longingly at the other parents. They all seemed to know one another or were related in some convoluted way, as is often the case in rural areas. I was but a tiny woman with a desire to belong and share, hoping to embrace a promising future in this other land. As a new businesswoman in Haliburton County, I quietly developed a rapport with local customers and volunteered my services to community groups. Many of those early contacts now gladden my heart wearing the mantle of friendship.

Over the years my circle of friends has grown strong just as saplings do in a newly planted maple forest. In Aotearoa, New Zealand we have an expression, "Arohanui," that expresses love and more. It indicates loving sup-

port, hugs, a sense of being wrapped and encouraged, exactly the feelings these nurturing Canadian women have given me as they enveloped me with warmth and acceptance, enabling me to feel at home in a faraway land. Each of us claims ties to parents or grandparents from countries of immense ethnic and religious diversity, and family tales handed down with beliefs entrenched.

We are all women living in this great country, doing our best, sharing a common vision, dealing with the joys and stresses of raising families and juggling careers while listening for the echo of laughter in quiet rooms as our nests empty. I have often wondered if the special kind of warmth emanating from my Canadian friends comes as a result of fending off the pervading chill of long cold winters; an inner glow that stokes their hearts.

Sitting upon my rickety dock beneath a silken sky, I could be anywhere in the world; but I'm not. The wonderful Canadian women in my life are distinctly that, only to be found here. Aotearoa, New Zealand resides in my heart as a yearning. But, as my gaze roams the dense forests of sighing winds, that sweep all the way to the waters of Lake Kashagawigamog, roots clinging tenuously - just as mine are - I know without doubt this place is home. These Canadian friends form a sheltering canopy of jewelled maples, each perfect and different. Some dance as gilded leaves momentarily brushing my soul and others linger long, becoming entwined in the tapestry of my life, my future. I give thanks and love. "Arohanui nga hoa."

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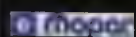
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Echo and Times win 16 provincial awards

Both the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times* were named the best newspapers in their circulation category at a provincial awards ceremony which saw the two local papers come home with a total of 16 awards.

As well as the two top-place finishes for best newspaper overall in the annual Ontario Community Newspaper Association competition, the *Echo* won three first-place awards, four second-place awards, three third-place awards and two honourable mentions and the *Times* won a first-place award and a second-place award.

The following are the awards and the judges' comments.

General Excellence (2,000-3,499 circ.), 1st place - *Minden Times*: An absolutely wonderful paper. Stuffed with news and features well-laid out with creative use of strong photography. Great attention to detail and design for even the smallest of ads. Headlines were strong with a firm understanding of the value of white space on nearly every page. An almost flawless blend of editorial and advertising departments working to create a product they obviously take a great deal of pride in. This paper would rank among the best in any circulation class.

General Excellence (3,500-6,499 circ.), 1st place - *The Echo*: A paper with personality. *The Echo* stood out for several reasons most notably the design of the front page and the presentation of the complete package. The modular layout of the paper helps readers weave through the inviting news and special sections. Although the writing is often overshadowed by a neat package, this was not the case in *The Echo*. The writing was strong, the coverage balanced and the representation of the issues treated fairly. Kudos must go to the team of talented photographers (led by Darren Lum) who tell a story with each snap of the shutter.

Spot News Photo, 2nd place - *The Times*: A dramatic silhouette of a firefighter battling a fire at a storage shed captured second place for photographer Darren Lum. Great front-page play and clean reproduction helped make this photo a winner.

Columnist of the Year, 1st Place - *The Echo*: Steve Galea is one of those rare writers who also happens to be a wordsmith, someone who can weave thoughts and events together with beautiful, descriptive prose. His columns draw the reader in, you can't really stop until you reach the end. I found his column about putting his old retriever down particularly moving, you could feel the bond that had developed over the years and how hard it must have been. But it was not all melancholy, the bond continues with the retriever's offspring, an uplifting testimony of the circle of life.

Special section (6,000 & under circ.), 2nd Place - *The Echo*: *Haliburton County Echo's* layout of the *Fall Tour* set it apart! Very nicely done! Interesting stories and lots of ads. Overall a fantastic project.

Local Retail Layout, 3rd place - *The Echo*: *Haliburton's* retail series by Jamie Woodman for Bigley's Shoes and Clothing uses great shots and great fonts to make their ads easy on the eyes.

Best Photo Layout, 1st Place - *The Times*: Photographer Darren Lum of the *Minden Times* tells the story of 'An honest day's work' in his photo layout about a logger who still uses a team of horses to haul logs out of the bush. The combination of photos of the man, his horses and the job they do arranged in an eye-catching design gives the readers a view of old-fashioned values.

Use of Art Service, 3rd place - *The Echo*: *Haliburton's* Jamie Woodman used the same clever theme that is reflected in each ad in this series. They are to the point sim-

ple in their design and layout yet demonstrate creative thinking. Overall - All of the ads by Jamie Woodman are deserving of recognition, however they can't all be winners. A good ad should not be 'work' to figure out. When there is too much competition going on within the ad, it becomes a chore to look at. All the elements in an ad have a job to do and should work together to accomplish the main goal: to sell.

Best Business/Finance Story, 2nd place - *The Echo*: A well-researched profile by Erin Tennant of a high-tech family, the Creelmans, operating in a rural setting, this story fires on all cylinders as a business feature. Nicely paced and well written, it covers the highs - and the sometimes spectacular lows - of a small group of innovators, struggling to get airborne in the recreational aircraft business. Important details from a potential investor perspective is included, but these don't get in the way of the flow of what is, at heart, a good yarn.

Best Technically Enhanced Photo, 2nd place - *The Echo*: Plenty of pre-planning and visualization went into this concept of a huge mosquito carrying away reporter Erin Tennant. He and photographer Darren Lum worked carefully on every detail, including ensuring Erin's shirt had a pull in it where the future image of the mosquito would be positioned to carry him away. Finding an appropriate location to give Erin the image of flight when close cropped took great creativity and acting abilities on Erin's part. The resulting photo is hilarious and effective and well illustrates the newspaper's story about mosquitoes. The photo illustration was by Cathy Olliffe.

Arts & Entertainment, 1st Place - *The Echo*: *The Haliburton County Echo* combined good, interesting photos with unusual subject matter. Their story on a simple painting and drawing course explored the relationships that develop and how art can impact the lives of those who dare to take up a brush. Reporter/photographer Martha Perkins had clear control of her material and presented it with wit and enthusiasm.

In-House Promotion, 2nd Place - *The Echo*: To create awareness of the newspaper and its services among readers and advertisers. *The Haliburton County Echo's* Jamie Woodman employed a series of seven ads to focus on different aspects of the newspaper. All of the ads were designed to deliver one clear message, that *The Echo* has a wealth of benefits to offer you as reader or to help you build your business. Each execution had a consistent appearance across all advertisements and used clever headlines and images to work together to grab attention and focus on the benefits of the newspaper within the community.

Photographer of the Year - Honourable mention - *The Echo*: Darren Lum.

Best Feature Story, Honourable mention - *The Echo*: Martha Perkins' feature on Josh Snelgrove

Best Investigative News Story, 3rd place - *The Echo*: *The Haliburton County Echo's* Erin Tennant addresses the widespread health concern of West Nile Virus. Depth of explanations responsibly addresses fears, without inciting panic, and a personal story 'puts a face' on a larger issue. Clean, crisp design and use of photos add to the piece.

Rural Journalism, 3rd place - *The Echo*: *The Haliburton County Echo* tackles issues of concern: donation fatigue of business owners in rural towns who are asked to sponsor everything and a forthright discussion by two local men in a program to change abusive behaviour. The stories were by Martha Perkins, Sheryl Loucks and Erin Tennant.

A mission for water

Haliburton resident Mark Bangay is going to Guatemala to drill wells. He'd like to pack a bag of supplies to leave behind

AMY GRIEVES

HHSS Co-op Student

TRUE OR FALSE: 1.1 billion people lack access to clean water. True. Fiction or fact: Preventable water-related diseases kill more than 30,000 people daily. Sadly, this is also factual.

Excuse me if I insist, excuse me if I don't just forget and move on, but I can't just look at those statistics and not think about the faces behind them. Such is the case for Haliburton resident Mark Bangay. Please excuse him, but he can't help but act upon the tug at his heart strings. Bangay will be accompanying Barry Hart and a team of five other compassion- and conviction-driven individuals on a trip that they will never forget. Mark is taking the high road. The time span: seven days. Departure: March 20; return March 27. Destination: Guatemala, South America. The team will endure 13- to 18-hour days of intense labour, all in the name of love. Long days, fierce heat but an amazing journey worth every single second.

Bangay is going on a mission trip with Living Water International (LWI) whose mission is "To demonstrate the love of God by providing desperately needed clean water and medical attention, along with the 'living water' of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone satisfies the deepest thirst."

Living Water started when a group of oil drillers and business people from Texas wanted to "provide a cup of clean water in Jesus' name" some 12 years ago. By volunteering his time to drill wells in Guatemala, Bangay will give villagers access to clean water. "Most of the dying are children under the age of five. I have two children under the age of five myself... It breaks my heart to see this," he says of one of the triggers that convinced him to take part in the trip.

In September of 2003 Bangay left Ottawa and his fire-fighting job to move to Haliburton with his family. Having been a firefighter, he knows the unexplainable feeling of saving a life. The opportunity to go to Guatemala is another chance for him to help make a difference to an entire village - a very rewarding feat.

For the most part Canadians take water for granted. We wake up in the morning, turn on the tap for our shower and just expect it to run, never thinking of the 'why' and 'how' of what made us so fortunate. "If I offered to you the water that these people have to drink I can assure that you would not even want to wash your car with it let alone have to drink it," says Barry Hart of his trip to Ethiopia at Lakeside Baptist Church in August, when he volunteered for Living Water.

Everyone may entertain the thought of acting so selflessly but it takes true conviction and dedication to actually put your faith to work. Spontaneity was the key word in describing Mark's decision to serve. He was present for Hart's passionate speech on his experience with Living Water in Africa. "I was in that moment completely convinced that without a doubt that this was where God was calling me to be of service. I spoke to Barry immediately after the service without even having a chance to think about it."

In some poor countries water is an unattainable luxury. How can something as simple as water be killing

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



After listening to Barry Hart's presentation on Living Water International, Mark Bangay knew he had to do something to help stop water-borne illnesses in poor countries. He's going to Guatemala to dig wells for clean water.

these people? When you do the math, over 11 million people die annually because of a water problem. Yet people suffering from water-borne illnesses can often be cured shortly after receiving clean water.

"We're talking about something as simple as water, not war," says Bangay.

It will cost \$3,000 per well and a lot of time and effort. - not that much of a sacrifice if your heart is in the right place.

As well as drilling for clean drinking water and sharing the Gospel with the 500 people in the Guatemalan village where he will be living, Bangay is taking a Team Canada hockey bag filled with everyday essentials that we take for granted. For those of you sitting at home thinking about what you could do, here's where you step in. Barry Hart and Mark Bangay have come up with a simple way to remember steps that you can help. It's the three Ps:

- **Pray** - you can pray that all the arrangements go smoothly, for safety, and that the team finds water easily for the village.

- **Pay** - you can help Bangay raise funds for his trip or make donations to the Living Water organization. Write cheques out to Lakeside Baptist Church with "Living Water" in the memo space. All of the donations will go directly to the cause. Living Water hopes to provide clean drinking water to 11.8 million people by 2010; this project requires \$45 million. With sufficient funding Living Water can complete 500 water projects per year. As little as \$5 can bring fresh water to a child, and instruct a mother and father how to stop the contamination that makes their family sick.

- **Pack** - the Team Canada bag, donated by Glen Sharpley, needs to be full so Mark can give the contents

to the village. It needs to be filled with the following:

- **Clothing.** It can be new or used; keep in mind that the native people are Mayan and very small in stature. Socks, however, are not needed as most of the villagers have no shoes.

- **Sewing kits.** We take simple things like buttons as a basic and unimportant thing while those in poor countries walk around with torn buttonless shirts that they are unable to fix due to the lack of resources.

- **Toys and candy.** Skipping ropes, Frisbees, and rubber balls are great for group play. The ideal candy is something like a Tootsie Pop, or suckers on sticks. Small hard candies are dangerous and create a choking hazard for the smaller children.

All of the donations can be dropped off at Lakeside Baptist Church and will go directly into the Team Canada bag headed to Guatemala. The bag needs to be filled by March 14.

Barry Hart has started a new branch of Living Water International which will be active in the community. It is called Living Water Canada and the goal is to drill two wells per year. Anyone interested in finding out more about Living Water Canada can contact Bangay or for those interested in learning what you can do or about Living Water International you can go to: www.water-water.org.

"I don't think that going on a mission trip makes me a better person," Bangay says, "but sharing God's love makes us better people. A mission trip is one way for us to do that. God has shown us love, so in turn love your neighbour as yourself."

Mark Bangay - father, husband, son, and friend - feels the pull of conviction tugging at his heart. Please forgive him for refusing to do nothing.

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Colonel W.D. Quackhorn showcases a gaggle of characters

Colonel W.D. Quackhorn paid a visit to Haliburton, expounding the virtues of his cure-all elixir at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday afternoon as part of the Razzamataz Kid Show series. Matthew Romain performed the one-man act, puppeteering the five characters: an animated plant, Wild Giant Grasshoppers from Borneo, singing Catfish, a baby bird from the largest egg in the world, a talking exotic plant and the sidekick monkey. Romain is from Join Hands Puppeteers troupe which is a Windsor based troupe that performs all across the country, including venues as large as Toronto and as small as Haliburton. The performance attracted 120 people and was sponsored by Haliburton Rotary and Curry Motors.



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Low-income earners can get tax help

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is an outreach program sponsored by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. The objective of the program is to help people who are unable to complete their income tax and benefit returns themselves and are unable to pay for assistance.

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Linda Robitaille
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Commencing March 1 to April 12 eligible people can drop off their income tax material at our office, Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You will be asked to provide the following information:

- official receipts showing all sources of income;
- property tax or rental income receipts; and
- a telephone number where you can be reached during the day.

Other drop off locations:

- Royal Canadian Legion Minden – Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton – Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Royal Canadian Legion, Wilberforce – Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Income Tax Forms-The 2003 T1-Genera Income Tax forms as well as a variety of other income tax forms and information, such as Payroll Deduction Tables, Preparing Income Tax for Deceased Persons and Capital Gains are now in stock.

Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information without your knowledge or consent to commit a crime, such as fraud or theft. The Ontario government is taking action to help Ontarians reduce their risk of identity theft and make it easier to repair damage after a theft of identity has taken place. Brochures are available at the Government Information

Centre providing useful information on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and immediate steps to take if you are victimized.

For individuals whose identity documents have been stolen, the province is introducing an Identity Theft Statement, which will notify credit issuers and financial institutions nationwide of the loss. The Identity Theft Statement is a form that you can use to quickly notify financial institutions, credit card issuers and other companies that you have been a victim of identity theft. It gives them the information they need to begin an investigation of the incident.

For more information on identity theft, or for a copy of the Identity Theft Statement, visit the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services online at www.cbs.gov.on.ca. For the ID theft statement and information package: www.cbs.gov.on.ca/mcbs/english/id_theft_statement.htm. Feel free to come to our office for a brochure or an information package.

Minimum wage increases

Employment standards facts sheets have been revised and are available at the Government Information Centre. The minimum wage increased to \$7.15 per hour on February 1, 2004, and there will be increases each year thereafter until it reaches \$8 per hour on February 1, 2007. As of February 1, 2004, the minimum wage for students under 18 years old and employed for not more than 28 hours a week rose to \$6.70 per hour. The hourly rate for liquor servers hourly has increased to \$6.20 per hour.

Rebate extended

The Retail Sales Tax (RST) rebate available on purchases of new energy-efficient electrical household appliances has been extended to March 31, 2004. This rebate is available on Energy Star qualified:

- refrigerators, dishwashers and clothes washers sold on or after November 26, 2002 and on or before March 31, 2004, and
- freezers sold on or after January 1, 2003 and on or before March 31, 2004

Delivery of all eligible appliances in this rebate program must take place on or before May 15, 2004. The rebate applies to the first time sale, as well as to the rental or lease for at least one year of a new qualifying appliance. Visit the Energy Star web site at www.oeenrncan.gc.ca/energystar for more information on Energy Star rated appliances.

To claim rebate, you need to complete and "Application of Rebate of Retail Sales Tax on Energy-

Efficient Electrical Household Appliances" and submit it to the address noted on the form. Rebate claims must be received by the Ministry of Finance within four years from the date the RST was paid. There are a number of ways you may obtain a rebate form or obtain more information:

- telephone or visit the Government Information Centre, Hwy. 35, Minden – 286-1521;
- call the Ministry of Finance Information Centre at 1-800-263-7965;
- visit the web site at www.trd.fin.gov.on.ca.

Birth certificates

If you require a birth certificate to obtain a passport or any other reason, apply well in advance. Due to an increase in volumes during this peak travel season, processing times for birth certificates are longer than usual.

By fax for regular service: 1-807-343-7459 – regular service requires a minimum of 18 weeks for processing and delivery.

By fax for expedited service: 1-807-343-7411 – expedited service is available with proof of urgency and requires 10 days for processing and delivery to your door.

Emergency service is now two full business days with proof of urgency and excluding delivery. You must apply in person only at the Toronto office (900 By Street, 2 floor, Toronto). Applications are received on a first-come, first serve basis so it would be a very good idea to be there early and expect up to four hours to submit your application. There is an additional fee of \$15 per document for emergency service. Same day service is no longer available.

Your application will not be processed unless the Statement of Guarantor is completed.

Tax Fax Service

The Ministry of Finance has a Fax On Demand Service for Retail Sales Tax Information that gives taxpayers fast, convenient and easy access to publications and forms. The service is available 24/7 and is toll-free at 1-877-482-9329.

Where to find us

The Government Information Centre is located on Hwy. 35, in Minden. We're in the same building as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Provincial Police. Our business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. If you need more information or assistance with any government program or form, you can reach us by calling 705-286-1521.

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Wilberforce well represented at local Legion's annual speaking contest

The students of Wilberforce Elementary School took part in our Branch's Public Speaking Contest at the Lloyd Watson Centre on February 26. We thank all the students who participated. Everyone did a great job. The contest is part of the Legion Youth and Education program, and is meant to give young people an opportunity to speak in public. The children choose their own subject matter. Awards and congratulations were presented at Wilberforce E.S. on March 5th by President Bonnie Jessup and School Trustee Valerie Smith.

The following is a list of the winners, in order of rank, and their topic.

Grade 3: Jamie Dack, Walt Disney; Cody Lawr, Tyrannosaurus Rex; Kirstyn Mulley, My Big Sister; Phedra Vajda, My Cat Figaro.

Grades 4, 5, 6: Connor Pilger, The English Language; Megan McCrae, Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen; Willy McReynolds, Japan; Lindsey Pogue, (Animal); Bethalin Collfos; The First Nations; Samantha Vanier, My Great Grandma; Eric Hayes, Sea Monsters; Matthew Vieira, Loch Ness Monster; Niki Wingrove, My Dog Max.

We wish Jamie Dack and Connor Pilger all the very best when they go to Zone Finals in Hastings on March 21, 2004.

Big congratulations to the following Zone Finalists who all placed FIRST at our Branch and went forward to zone: Alyssa London placed 3rd. at Zone in the Poster Contest for Jr. Grades 4,5,6; Shenes Alden placed 3rd at Zone in the Poster Contest for Grades 1,2,3; Megan McCrae received Honourable Mention at Zone in the Poem/Essay Contest for Grades 4,5,6.

Joe Fisher the Elvis impersonator was a big hit on February 28. He played to a full house. It was a blast from the past as he did his imitations of a variety of famous performers. Mark these dates on your calendar as he will be returning on May 29th August 28th and New Year's Eve.

DARREN LUM/Echo



These tall tale tellers couldn't be happier after the Grade 3 Wilberforce Elementary students told their stories before the school and Royal Canadian Legion judges at the Lloyd Watson Centre. (From l-r) Cody Lawr second place, Jaimie Dack first place, Kirstyn Mulley third place and Phedra Vajda fourth place.

From March 3 until April 21 a free income tax service will be offered to all Legion members and seniors, also to individuals with incomes less than \$30,000. This service will be available every Wed. until April 21 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

March 15: A Food Handling Course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be available. All Legion Members - free; cost to non members \$20. Please call the Branch at 448-2221 or drop in to register.

March 20: St Patrick's Day Celebration at the Maynooth Army Navy Air Force (ANAF). The events begin at 12 noon. We have a bus trip planned to attend this great event, but we need 28 people. The bus will leave the Legion at 11:30 am. The cost is \$10 per person which includes a meal, plenty of great entertainment

and a dance later in the evening. Call the Legion to Register at 448-2221, or drop in to register with the Bar Stewart.

April 20 is the Executive Election. Come out and support the executive members of your choice, and be a part of building a strong Legion. We have 247 members as of Jan. 1, 2004 and we've taken on a few more since then. If your dues haven't been paid then NOW is the

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Nine students competed from Wilberforce Elementary School in the annual public speaking contest hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion. Starting from top left is Lindsey Pogue, Eric Hayes, Matt Viera, Willie McReynolds third place, Megan McCrea second place. Front row: Connor Pilger first place, Niki Wingrove, Bethalin Callfas and Samantha Vanier.

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Pathways of life as unique as the people

As I gazed out the window Saturday morning, a gentle breeze came through the open window caressing my face and stirring the wind chimes to life bringing forth their soft wooden melody. I watched Mel finish filling the deer feeder boxes with food and walk down the path toward the house. I chuckled as deer came wandering in behind him. In groups, they followed different pathways toward their common goal: the feeder boxes. Upon finishing, they returned in groups to the depths of the forest, following once again their preferred pathways. I thought: like the deer, we all choose our own pathways to follow.

Years ago my main pathways consisted of being a wife, being a mother of two active children and my career. When I retired, I never dreamed my pathways would branch out in the magnitude they have. And now in my "sixth age", as William Shakespeare would put it, - "in fair round belly, spectacles on nose, full of wise saws and instances" - my days are filled as I follow along on my pathways of proud grandparent, school trustee for Haliburton County with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, member of the Director's Advisory Committee, Vice Chair for S.E.A.C. (Special Education Advisory Committee), member of the Apprenticeship Committee, Character Educational Committee, Haliburton County Food for Kids Committee, Tri Counties Nutritional Committee, Haliburton County Children's Ground Water Festival Committee, Harcourt Community Hall Board, Harcourt Community Recreation and Development Committee, Harcourt Community Ladies

Committee, Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 Wilberforce and Chairperson for the Loop Children's Christmas Party. I have also

chosen pathways in trying to write and host a two-hour show on Canoe 100.9 FM on Monday mornings called "Women, Weeds and Wisdom" from 10 am to noon.

Just as I have chosen my pathways, others do the same. I watched with great delight as Bonnie Jessup, President of Branch 624 Legion, Wilberforce handed out the awards to the Wilberforce E.S. winners of the Legion's essay and poster contests. The smile upon her face attested to her enjoyment she received from following the path she chose as Royal Canadian Legion President of 624. As the students came forward with pride to receive their rewards, one could see they enjoyed the pathway they choose as participants in the Legion contest.

In our schools our teachers follow along on their chosen career pathways as teachers and continuously guide students down the love of learning pathway. Our parents, our teachers, grandparents and community members all work together guiding our children along on pathways of respect, caring, honesty, responsibility, courage, self discipline, citizenship and perseverance. Many volunteers follow pathways that with helping hands and loving hearts they reach out to meet local human needs. Whatever your chosen pathway may it take you to a destination of fulfillment and personal self-gratification.

Thursday Night Euchre at the Harcourt Community Centre was a fun night. I have not played Euchre for a long time and I am proud to say I did not get the lowest score as that honour was bestowed upon Mel Smith and Betty Hayward. Congrats to Gena Burke - Ladies Most Lone Hands, Jim Lambert-Men's Most Lone Hands, Walter Cameron-Men's High Score and Ladies High Score goes to Dorothy Coghlan.

community news

harcourt

Valerie Smith
448-3640

Deepest sympathy is extended to Linda and Bert Robinson and Family upon the loss of Bert's brother, Dave Robinson, who passed away this week.

An invitation is extended to all persons wishing to submit a tender for the cleaning of Harcourt Community Centre. All tenders are due April 1, 2004. Please contact Ross Covert at 448 3196 for more information.

Don't forget: The Word of Life Clothing Outreach has started a new branch at the old Highland Grove United Church (downstairs). Hours of operation: Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. In addition, The Word of Life Clothing Outreach will be an outlet for the Good Food Box in the Highland Grove and Harcourt communities. If you wish to save money and time order a Good Food Box for only \$15.00 and receive a large box of fresh fruit, veggies plus recipes and cooking tips. To order or wish more information, please call Clara Burt at 448-3359 or Highland Grove Outreach Centre at 448-9406.

There are "Good Food Box" outlets throughout the community of Haliburton. Need information, or want to order please call Paula at 705 457 1942.

Up-Coming Events:

March 10 - Harcourt Community Centre. Bingo starting at 7:30 p.m.

March 10 - Good Food Box orders to be in

March 11 - Harcourt Community Centre. Euchre starting at 7:30 p.m.

March 11 - Report Cards will be coming home - An important milestone in your child's life - please sit down with your child and go over it with them.

March 12 - March Break begins

March 14 - Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 7 p.m. will have a special service for the evening presented by the Harcourt Community Chapel Youth Group (teens). They will present music, skits and readings. This will be under the direction of the youth leaders Mr. & Mrs. Chris Kegel. This service is to honour the youth of today's generation. Everyone welcome.

March 18 - Good Food Boxes to be picked up in Highland Grove

Panama's history and culture revealed at World Day of Prayer

HILDA CLARK

Special to the Echo

Wilberforce News

The World Day of Prayer 2004 Worship Service, hosted by the women of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Highland Grove, was an inspiring, enlightening time of prayer. It's theme was: "In faith, women shape the future".

Flo Elliott who led the service, and Theresa Matys, who played the organ and led the singing, are thanked for their fine leadership.

One of the Bible readings was from Numbers, the time of Moses. The story of the five daughters of Zelophehad who after his death with no sons, take the initiative and brought about changes in their laws so that women had some inheritance rights.

As well as it being a wonderful time of prayer some of the history and culture of Panama was shared. It is a country famous for its canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The word Panama means "abundance of butterflies and fishes". Its landscape features a variety of flora and fauna, forests and beaches, mountains, rivers, museums, parks, rural towns and urban cities. Its women prepared the service for this year's World Day of Prayer.

Participating in the Highland Grove Service were readers, prayer leaders and choir singers from St. John Vianney Catholic Church, St. Margaret's Anglican and the Wilberforce United Churches. Elsie Lewis gave the message. The offering which goes to help various projects in Canada and Internationally supports mainly women and children in getting their lives in order.

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- Bill Lambie
- Special thank you to Robin Wilson for all your volunteer hours and for the great recipes.

With out all of your support this program is not possible. Thank you from the Good Food Box Working Group.

- Paula Pepping - YWCA & Coordinator of Good Food Box
- Sue Doan - Ontario Early Years
- Ida Shultz - Haliburton County Home Support
- Jamie Hurley - Community Member
- Rosie Kadwell - Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

Privacy Legislation: Is Your Organization Ready?

A workshop for leaders in non-profit organizations (staff, volunteers and board members)

On January 1, 2004 the Personal Information Privacy and Electronic documentation Act (PIPEDA) came into force for all businesses and organizations in Canada.

If you have a phone list, mailing list, database or files of volunteers, donors, clients or customers you must be aware of PIPEDA, its effects on your business practices and your responsibilities to comply with the legislation.

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2004

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

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How much will it cost? ASSE International is a non-profit organization, which offers its services to students and host families at cost. However, it is not subsidized by any funding source other than its fees, so the hard cost is comparable to a year at university.

If you are in Grade 12 and unsure about going to university next year, this could be a stepping stone to the future. With the support of one dedicated host family looking after your well-being, you could grow beyond your imagination in competence, confidence and perspective, and come home more sure of what you want from university, and more likely to succeed there.

There will be an information presentation at the Haliburton High School, Wednesday, March 10 at lunch time in room 14. For details call 457-1671 to speak to Pamela Marsales or ASSE student Sarah Mornettas, who is in Haliburton for the year from France.

Strong attendance at Legion's AGM will show gratitude

MPP Laurie Scott scheduled to attend the meeting

Members please plan to attend the General Meeting on Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. Laurie Scott our MPP and a representative from the Trillium Foundation will be present. Please come out and help make the Trillium Foundation aware of how appreciative we are for the recent grant.

In the Spring edition of "The Highland Veteran" which was just mailed to members PLEASE NOTE that there is an error in the date of the May General meeting. It is as always the second Thursday of the month which is May 13 at 7:30 p.m. not the date given in the bulletin. This is an important meeting as it is the nominations and election.

The Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the Legion was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to everyone

who supported it.

The Johnny Maughan Memorial Open Dart tournament is Saturday March 13 and it is an open house in the clubroom. We have two dart players competing at District Level. Good Luck Bev and Keith. There will be a mixed dart Tournament on Saturday April 24. Also on April 24 there will be an Italian Dinner (Sue's cooking) and dance with music will be provided by The Black Fly Boogie Band.

The Zone F4 Spring Convention will take place in Omemee on Sunday March 14 commencing at 1:30 p.m. Dress is Legion uniform. The District Convention is in Belleville April 23 - 25. The Dominion Convention is in London June 13 to 17.

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Special to the Echo

Congratulations to Peggy Flowers on a great performance in Highland Little Theatre's "Bedroom Farce" last week. Peggy had a truly funny part to play and obviously enjoyed every minute of it in her role of a confidence lacking, distraught wife. The whole performance was hilarious and very well done (in my highly prejudiced opinion!). Local churches have had their annual business-budget meetings in February: The Baptist Church on the 29th, Maple Lake United on Feb. 15, St. George's Anglican on Feb. 16.

The Annual World Day of Prayer Service was held at Maple Lake United Church on March 5 at 2

p.m. with 21 present. The Rev. Max Ward led the service.

West Guilford Baptist Church has elected a new Minister, the Rev. Ron Mahler who comes from his ministry in Stoney Creek with his wife Elaine, and two children, 3 and almost one-year old. We welcome him to the community to wish all of the Mahlers well in their time amongst us.

Jean Frazer is now a permanent resident with Laurel Yateman. Jean has written poetry in years past for the Echo, is an artist, some of whose work's hung in the Haliburton Hospital, and has a keen interest in Classical music, having been church soloist and organist in former years in Toronto churches.



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Peggy Flowers exclaims with shock next to Tim Nicholson in Bedroom Farce.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of April, 2004, at 9:00a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., O.L.S., dated September 25, 2003. (Part 2 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Preliminary Plan of Survey, as referred to above, is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

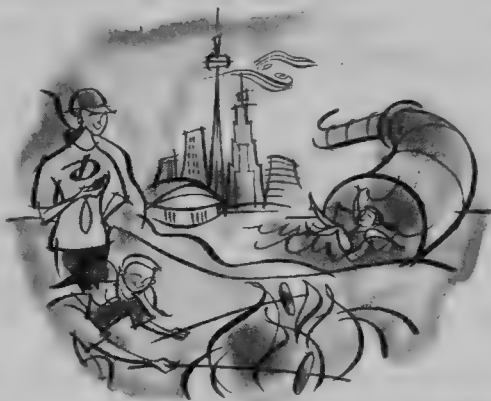
The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

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Speakers will share experiences at Writers' and Editors' meeting

Retired journalist Reg Holloway, and writer Jim Poling Sr. expected to speak

The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network has two very interesting speakers coming up.

On Saturday, March 20 Reg Holloway will speak at a breakfast meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Delta Pinestone Resort. Holloway, retired to the Haliburton area 10 years ago, has had a fascinating career as a journalist, a writer and a member of the British foreign service.

He was apprenticed to a local newspaper in England in 1947, when he was 14. He spent six years training to be a reporter/photographer. After two years national service with the Royal Air Force, he returned to newspapers where he met his wife, Anna, an apprentice on a rival publication. They went to East Africa in 1958 where they worked for the East African Standard group in Nairobi, Mombasa and

Dar es Salaam.

Holloway became a press officer with the Tanganyika government and in 1963 he was recruited into the British foreign service. Three to four year postings followed in British Guyana (Guyana), Malta, Nepal, Canada, Hong Kong and the United States. Reg was the British Consul General for the southwestern US and the US Pacific islands, based in Los Angeles, when he retired in 1992.

The Holloways moved to Canada in 1993. They started a company in Toronto advising on business between China, Canada and the United States. He was the Chairman of the Canadian Urban Institute for several years (and remains on the board). After Toronto, the Holloways grew trees in the Kawarths and Reg helped write a millenium book on the history of Burnt River. They now live on Mountain Lake in

Minden.

At the breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 15, Jim Poling Sr. who just published Tom Thomson and His Mysterious Death will speak. Some people will also know him for his book The Canoe which got a lot of acclaim. He has a very interesting website which outlines his work. He will talk about obtaining a Canada Council grant as well as his work.

The Network is very excited about these upcoming speakers who have so much to share with other writers. Those wishing to attend must reserve a spot three days in advance of each event as room space will be allocated on the basis of how many are attending and the breakfast buffet will be set up accordingly. Reservations should be made with Marjorie Ludlow Green at 286-2592.



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Options Report Muskoka River Water Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ontario Power Generation, Orillia Power Corporation, Bracebridge Generation Ltd. and Algonquin Power are preparing the Muskoka River Water Management Plan (WMP) to examine the present operational management of flows and water levels on rivers and lakes within the Muskoka River system.

The goal of water management planning is to contribute to the environmental, social and economic well-being of the people of Ontario through the sustainable development of waterpower resources, and to manage these resources in an ecologically sustainable way for the benefit of present and future generations.

Phase I of the planning process (Background Information Report) was completed in Spring 2003, and Phase II (Plan Preparation) commenced in April 2003. This latter phase involves the preparation of the water management plan through the completion of the three remaining stages, being: 1) Option Development, Evaluation and Selection, 2) Draft Plan and 3) Final WMP. During the option development, evaluation and selection stage, a range of options for the management of the Muskoka River were considered, and a preferred option has now been selected. This planning and selection process is documented in an 'options report', which is available for review at the following locations during regular business hours:

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A CD of the options report is available upon request to Kim Benner (kim.benner@mnr.gov.on.ca), MNR Bracebridge Area Office. Written comments on the options report must be received by the MNR Bracebridge Area Office by April 8, 2004 in order to be considered during preparation of the draft plan of the water management plan.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this water management plan under the authority of the Lakes And Rivers Improvement Act to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the effective period of the planning exercise and may be included in study documentation that is made available for public review.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987), personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Rob Viejou, Acting Information Management Supervisor, Parry Sound District, MNR at 705-773-4207.



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notices

Docking Facility Proposed in the Ministry of Natural Resources Minden Area

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PROJECT EVALUATION

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has received an application from Spruce Tree Resorts Inc. for permission to construct a 24-slip docking facility to service a 51 unit residential Condominium Project to be known as Champlain Shores. The subject property is located adjacent to Lake Kashagawigamog in Lots 1 and 2, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Dysart (formerly known as Deer Lodge) in the MNR's Minden Area. The proposal will provide short term floating docking facilities for the residents of Champlain Shores. No significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated.

You are invited to direct any inquiries, comments or requests regarding the proposal to the Applicant. Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period which expires on April 12, 2004. Only those persons or agencies that commented or those requesting notice will be notified directly of the completion of the project evaluation and the MNR may approve the implementation of the project without issuing further general notice.

For more information on the project, to submit comments, or to request further notice, please contact:

Spruce Tree Resorts Inc.
ATTENTION: Will Fischtein
5300 Younge Street, Suite 205
Toronto, Ontario M2N 5R2
TEL: (416) 224-1790
FAX: (416) 224-5134

The MNR through the Applicant is collecting comments and personal information under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act to assist in making decisions and determining any further consultation needs. All comments and opinions will be kept on file and may be available in study documentation that is made available for public review.



SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO

The first year winners of this year's Royal Canadian Legion branch 129 public speaking contest: (from back l-r) Grades 11-12 winner Amber Wright's speech on evolution, senior David Wright's speech on living dinosaurs, intermediate J.D. Hodgson student Bianca Scurie's speech on water. Bottom row, primary Stuart Baker student Kate Denniston's speech on snowboarding, and junior J.D. Hodgson student Christine Darke's speech on feline confessions.

Speaking out at Legion contest

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Special to the Echo

On Saturday, Feb. 21 the Haliburton Legion, Branch 129, hosted its annual public speaking contest. This year we had 18 speakers representing five different levels of competition. The audience enjoyed an afternoon of both humorous and serious speeches. All the speakers should be commended for their excellent effort in both the preparation and the presentation of their speeches.

Our sincere thanks goes to the teachers and the administrative staff of the Stuart Baker Elementary School, the J.D. Hodgson School and the Haliburton Highland Secondary School for promoting and organizing time for the students to prepare their speeches. We congratulate all the parents who took the time to work with, support and encourage their children to do their best.

Also we would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the contest a success. The judges were Fay Wilkinson, Paul Johnson, Peter Oyler and Joan Cameron. They had the unenviable job of deciding who were the best of our talented speakers. Thanks also to our Legion

members who volunteered their help. They included Ethel Galvin, Billy Pickard, Ed Pickard, Wilf Guenette, Doug Wood, Barry Purpura and Mary Hambly. The opening ceremony was conducted by President Tony Thatcher.

Results ranking in order of appearance: Grades 1, 2 and 3 Division: We had one entry. The winner was Kate Denniston.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 Division: Speakers were Joshua Wright, Drew Paul, Nadia Shivji, Christine Darke, Lauren Snelgrove, Katrina Chvedukas, Cyril Darke.

Winners: Christine Darke, Nadia Shivji and Lauren Snelgrove.

Grades 7 and 8 Division: Speakers were Rachel Morgan, Timothy Wright, Emily Stonehouse, Chloe Kitcheman, Bianca Scuric, Meagan Deanovic, Lindsey Snelgrove.

Winners: Bianca Scuric, Meagan Deanovic and Emily Stonehouse.

Grades 9 and 10 Division: One entry this year. The winner was David Wright.



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Job description available on request at the Municipal Office

Written applications and resumes will be received in confidence by the undersigned until **March 12, 2004 by 4:30 p.m.**

Sharon Stoughton/Craig, CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295
WILBERFORCE, Ontario K0L 3C0
Ph: 705-448-2981 Fax: 705-448-2532

Note: We thank all applicants for their interest however only those selected for an interview will be notified.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands
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ATT: Don Kidd, M.A.A.T.O., C.B.C.O.
Phone: (705)489-2342
Fax: (705)489-3491
or e-mail: dkidd@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants who apply, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



MEETING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 77-32
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: Monday, April 5th, 2004.
TIME: 5:00 pm.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

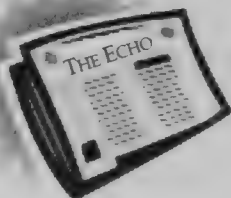
APPLICATIONS:

- Lands of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Limited:
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of 2 seasonal residential lots and implement a 30 metre building setback.
 - Zone change from "RU" to "SR1-5" and "OS-3".
 - Location: Part Lot 18, Concession 12, Guilford Township (Cruiser Lake).

- IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.
- FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law and is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

DATED this 8th day of March, 2004.

Patricia Martin, MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner



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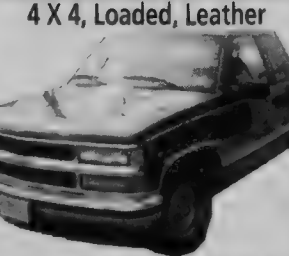
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD JACKSON SUTHER- LAND, deceased

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of HOWARD JACKSON SUTHERLAND, late, of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 15th day of January, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned Executor on or before the 24th day of March, 2004.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons hereto entitled, having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 18th day of February, 2004, by ROGER DART, P.O. Box 1038, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0, Executor for the Estate of Howard Jackson Sutherland.

420 PERSONALS

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460 OBITUARIES

ANNIE LANE SCHRADER

Passed away peacefully at
Extendicare, Haliburton on
Monday, March 1, 2004.
In her 96th year.

Beloved wife of the late George Edward Schrader. Dear mother of Keith of Lochlin, Kenneth of Lochlin, Claude and his wife Linda of Ingoldsby, Donald and his wife Marilyn of Milton. Loving grandmother of Donna and Peter, Mark, Daryl, Marita, Stephen, and great grandmother of Patricia and Daniel. Predeceased by her parents John and Florence Stewart and by her brother Kenneth Stewart. Survived by her sister-in-law Freda Stewart. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in our chapel on Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment at the Gelert Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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GRANT, NORMAN - In loving memory of Norman Grant (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario). At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday morning, March 7, 2004 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Loma Marshall. Son of Iona Grant and the late Norman Grant Sr. Loved father of Marilyn Ann Grant & Norman Marshall Grant (Deborah). Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Caitlin, Justin, Robbie and Kristina. Dear brother of Robert Grant (Carol). Also remembered by his niece Lori-Lynn and nephew Michael. Out of respect for Norman's wishes there will be no Funeral Service. A celebration of Norman's life will be held at a future date for family and friends. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. (705) 457-9209.

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DOROTHY MARION (nee BROHM) SIEBER

On February 20th, 2004, Dorothy Sieber passed away peacefully at Toronto General Hospital due to complications following heart surgery. Several members of her immediate family were at her side to comfort her in her final hours. She was 78 years old.

Born July 5th, 1925, Dorothy was the youngest of six children born to Henry and Laura Brohm of Haliburton. In 1946 she married Douglas A. Sieber, eventually settling in Bracebridge where they went on to produce five children. "Dot", as she was known by her many friends and acquaintances, was a fixture on the main street of Bracebridge, having run her own children's clothing store for several years (aptly named "Dot's Tot-To-Teen") followed by a lengthy career as a sales clerk at Maureen's Ladies Wear. The latter part of her career was spent working with her son Robert (Bob). She finally retired only a few years ago just as her health began to fail.

Dorothy was a tireless worker, a devoted wife and a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the epitome of simplicity - she did not believe in luxury or decadence - choosing instead to focus her energy and resources on her family's well-being. True to her efficient and practical style, she insisted that her final wishes must be of the simplest nature. Her wish was to be cremated and that there be no formal funeral or memorial service. Instead she suggested that a small, private gathering of her immediate family would bring her the ultimate joy. Dorothy's final wishes are being carried out as she requested.

Dorothy leaves behind her husband Douglas Sieber of Bracebridge and her brother Harry Brohm of Haliburton. Also left behind are her children Robert (Susan) of Bracebridge, Donald of Bracebridge, Linda Sieber-Topping of Barrie, Russell (Jayne) of Bracebridge and Shelly Tremblay (Chris) of Caledon. She will be greatly missed by all of her family which includes twelve grandchildren (Kristin, Nikov, Balind, Tyler, Kyle, Erin, Jessica, Katie, Alex, Cody, Carter, and Austin) and one great-grandchild (Kalum). She was predeceased by her siblings Roy, Irene (Pollard), Robert, and Mae (Brannigan), all of Haliburton.

The Sieber family wishes to thank Dr. Kent Phillips and Dr. Keith Moran of Bracebridge, Dr. Christopher Feindel of Toronto and all of the attending staff at Toronto General Hospital for their superb efforts and care. Especially comforting to Dorothy during her illness was her nephew David Pollard of Unionville.

Those wishing to pay their final respects are kindly asked to make a donation in Dorothy's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to Toronto General Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to Reynolds Funeral Home "Turner Chapel", Bracebridge.

POWELL, CHARLOTTE MAY

CHRISTINA - 1901 - 2004. It is with great sadness that the death is announced of Charlotte Powell on the 29th of February, 2004 in her 103rd year. "Lotte" is the cherished mother of Christine Postlethwaite and her husband John. She was the last remaining member of her family; predeceased by nine brothers and sisters. She is the caring and loving grandmother of Emma and her husband Paul, Lucy and her husband Bruce, Amy, and Andrew, and the great grandmother of Lauren and Jonathan. We all treasure the memory of her gentle nature, her constant desire to always help others and her quiet determination. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, and a memorial service will take place at St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday the 6th of March, 2004. As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to St. George's Anglican Church, Box 92, Haliburton, K0M 1S0.

VERA BERNARDINE BARNHART

Born on November 14, 1908
at Scotia Junction
and passed away peacefully at
the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens
Home in Minden on
Monday, March 1, 2004
In her 96th year.

Beloved wife of the late Melvin Barnhart. Dear mother of Jack and his wife Roean of Camarvon, Neil and his wife Eileen of Dwight, Harvey and his wife Audrey of Pine Springs, Bob and his wife Sharon of Camarvon, predeceased by her daughter and son-in-law Hilda and Jack Crewson, infant son William, granddaughter Charlotte, brother Roy and by her sister Charlotte. Vera is lovingly remembered by her 20 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on the evening of Wednesday, March 3, 2004 from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m., and on Thursday, March 4, 2004 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral Service in our chapel at 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment at 12 Mile Lake Cemetery, Camarvon. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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community calendar

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- **Now until May 31/04:** Adult Badminton: Mondays, 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden - September 15 to May 31/04. Join us for fun, fellowship and fitness. For more information phone Lois, 286-1765.
- **Now to May 18:** Highlands Parent Child Mother Goose Program. For parents and children, (birth to 2-1/2 years) learning rhymes, songs, and stories together. Join us for a friendly and relaxed morning of fun and learning! (Monday Mornings to May 17, 10-11 a.m. in Minden). (Tuesday Mornings until to May 18, 10-11 a.m. in Haliburton). For more information and to register please call: Ontario Early Years Centre: 286-1770 or Family Services: 457-5345. Free!
- **Mar. 9:** The second Tuesday of the month The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners invite you to their monthly meeting. Spin In-Identify, fibres/rovings - with Wendy E. Bateman. Bring small baggies. 10:30 a.m. and Guest Artist Kim Bolender @ 1:30 p.m. Colour Values - Bring weave/knit projects for evaluation. March 9th at Haliburton Museum.
- **Mar. 10:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists - Please join us for our first "Members Show". Slides will illustrate wildflowers, mushrooms, Snowdon Park wetlands, trekking in the Himalayas and other topics of interest. Wed., March 10, Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar. 10:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Alzheimer Office in Haliburton (Adult Child Group). Wed., Mar. 10, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **Mar. 11:** Canadian Federation of University Women - Haliburton Highlands monthly meeting at the Norman Sisco Centre. Thurs., Mar. 11 at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker at 7:10 is Linda Coneybeare who will discuss the topic of living a healthy balanced lifestyle.
- **Mar. 11:** Come out and meet Mike Perry. Mike is seeking the NDP nomination for our riding. Thurs., Mar. 11th, 6-7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church hall, Minden. Pancakes and maple syrup will be served. Call Sharon at 887-2537.
- **Mar. 14:** Irish Pot Luck Dinner - Come and join the fun at the Lochlin Community Centre. March 14th, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. A delicious variety of Irish Stews will be provided. Please bring your favourite pot luck, salads, rolls, or deserts. Admission by donation.
- **Mar. 15:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Hyland Crest (Meeting Classroom), Minden. Mon., Mar. 15, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.

ONGOING EVENTS:

- **March** - Volunteers are needed to help organize a Sneaker Day for Haliburton Village this year. Please call Anne-Marie at 457-1391 if you can spare a few hours to help plan.
- **Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Hand Drumming at the 'Y' in Haliburton. All welcome. Call Fay at 754-4004 for more info.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** is looking for items for their on-going Treasure Table. If you are cleaning out your cupboards over the Christmas season, please remember that Home Support will take your used items for their fundraiser Treasure Table. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- Did you know that Haliburton Home Support has delicious, nutritious frozen meals available anytime right in their office in the Halco Plaza. These frozen meals can also be delivered right to your door, anywhere in Haliburton County every Thursday morning at no charge. Drop in and pick up a menu. This service is available to seniors 55+ and physically disabled adults. For info. call 457-2941.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

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\$8,900 - 2.83 acre lot on Hwy 35 - Public access to Boshkung Lake nearby.
\$13,000 - Yr md, relatively flat lot near Miskwabi Lake public access.
\$16,900 - Great in-town lot, hydro, phone, sewers available - Fleming Rd, Minden.
\$37,000 - 42+ acres, nicely treed, South exp., fronts on yr md rd - Gooderham Waterfront Properties.
\$24,900 - Boyne Lake - 1.26 acres with lots of Birch trees, SE exp.
\$129,000 - Otter Lake - 91 acres, nice shoreline, very private with 4-Wheel drive access, good hunting property. Call Linda & Troy.



Lenor Fulton &
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Custom Log Home. Beautiful 3 bdrm. 4 Season home. Huge wrap around deck overlooks beautiful Maple Lake.

A must see.

\$264,900

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Don't hesitate to view this great forest lot. Walk to the slopes, watch the deer at your door. Several easy building sites. Ski pkg available.

Affordable! Join the wave! **\$25,000** Call Ros

PRIME LOCATION

Looking over public beach/Eagle Lake. terraced lot, 2 access roads. Several building sites, old orchard meadow, rock terrace. This lot has it all! A must see on Sir Sam's road. **\$29,700** Call Rosalind Bagg

ANNOUNCING OPENING OF EAGLE LAKE OFFICE

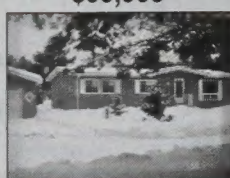


Cathy Bain*

NEW LISTING

Charming well-maintained 2 bdrm. home in adult community with snow removal and garbage pickup. Florida room and detached garage. Call Cathy Bain.

\$99,900



EXCLUSIVE

Charming 3+ bdrm home within walking dist. to town. Lovely stone FP, partially finished basement with walkout. Call Cathy Bain

\$118,900



Ken Barry**

TRAPPERS TRAIL

Excellent 1.5, 3 bdrm. chalet home/chalet. Steps away from Miskwabi Lk. access. Tastefully decorated, master bdrm. with its own private deck. Call Ken Barry

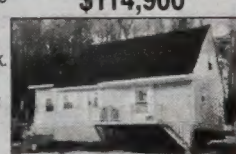
\$129,900



TRAPPERS TRAIL

Affordable home/cottage only 10 mins. from town. Close to both Wenona & Miskwabi Lk. access. Very good value for this tastefully finished home. Call Ken Barry

\$114,900



Linda Beachli***

CUTE AS A BUTTON

Spacious 4 bdrm bungalow with sun porch, 3 washrooms, full bsmt with finished rec room & wet bar, 20x27 heated workshop & additional lot. Call to view. Call Linda Beachli

\$109,900



PARADISE LAKE

Brick bungalow on Paradise Lake just outside of town. 3 bdrms, 1-1/2 baths, full basement & totally renovated. Call to view or visit www.linda-beachli.com for additional photos. Call Linda Beachli

\$289,000



Bill Kulas*

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LK

Award winning timber frame home just loaded with top of the line quality finishing & features including timber frame guest house and 3 bay timber frame garage with workshop. (Both w/hydro, water & heat). Beautiful wooded setting, good privacy & s. exposure. Call Julie Gray

\$659,000



KENNISIS LAKE

Big lake view from this very private 3 bdrm. (2 w/suite) cottage/home w/eat-in kit, sep. DR, LR, w/FP & w/o to deck. Lge. main flr. fam. rm. & laundry, cath. ceilings, part fin. bsmt. w/wet bar. Priv. lot, level at cottage w/sand beach, granite & wood steps, double carport. Call Julie Gray

\$349,000



Bill Kulas*

COUNTRY LOG HOME

This 3 bdrm unfinished home features a full w/o bsmt, two 4 piece baths & lots of room to roam on 82 acres. **Asking \$139,900**

This property was just recently listed and **SOLD** within 21 days.

So if you're thinking of **selling!**

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Cathy Lancia**

LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE

Exceptional Waterfront Acreage with 500 ft frontage and 16.69 Acres of varied terrain. The Driveway is in and the Utilities are available at the main road. Terrific Building site exists with large Rock Outcrop behind. Well treed with absolute privacy and Northwest exposure for late sun and wonderful sunsets. Rare opportunity on Fabulous Little Redstone Lake. Call Cathy

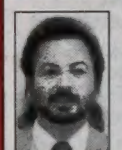
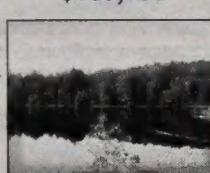
\$289,700



RABBIT LAKE

Remote Waterfront Acreage with easy year round access off Blue Heron Rd. Large Frontage on little Rabbit Lake. 15 acres of hardwood bush. Sprinkled lake with exceptional swimming and canoeing. Wildlife frequently seen here. The outside of the lake is zoned Conservation. Drive way in and building sit prepared. Call Cathy

\$169,700



Rick Lowes*

MAPLE LAKE STORE

Owners have retired, formally a thriving general store with large living quarters, excellent location. Lots of possibilities.

\$119,900

Call Rick Lowes



Peter Brady**

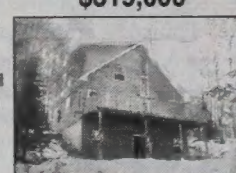
LOTS OF LOTS

ONLY ONE LEFT- Overlooking Eagle Lake, 5+ acres, on year round road. **\$39,900**
SKI CHALET LOTS starting at **\$19,900**
2 - 50 ACRE PARCELS - 1 @ \$45,000 & 1 @ \$34,900
296.76 ACRE PARCEL with 3,170 ft. of frontage **\$149,000**
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE LOT, 105' frontage **\$139,000**
Call Peter Brady

TEDIOUS LAKE

Beautiful brand new chalet style home on quiet Tedious Lake. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & full walkout basement with 160 ft. of waterfront. Call for details. Call Peter Brady

\$319,000

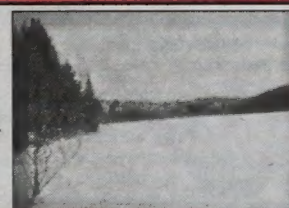


Geoff Bunn* &
Miranda Newman*



PRIVATE LAKE

176 acre retreat estate type property and a private lake. A 3 bdrm home/cottage sits on the shoreline and 1600 ft of frontage. Cottage is full of old country charm. Call Geoff & Miranda for details.

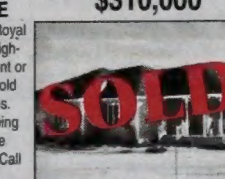


Tom* & Gail*
Tempest*

HALIBURTON BY-THE-LAKE

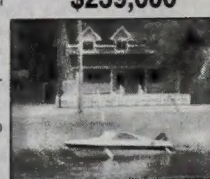
Custom quality built Royal Home in a terrific neighbourhood for retirement or a family. Only 2 yrs old with many upgrades. Completed landscaping and oversized dble garage, shows well. Call for appointment.

\$310,000



GORGEOUS 2400 sq.ft. recently renovated 2 storey, 4 bdrm home located in Minden on S. Water St. Lots of extras inc. 24 pc and 1-2 pc baths, master w/ ensuite. Mn flr laundry, mn flr fam rm & separate dining rm. Great view of Gull River where you can boat from your own dock into fabulous Gull Lake.

\$239,000
Call Tom & Gail



Fred Chapple*

DAVIS LAKE

3 Bdrm cottage/home, 2 quiet cottages, nice point, fabulous view, 460 ft. waterfront frontage, 4 acres. Lots of privacy. What are you waiting for? Call Fred Chapple

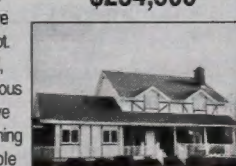
\$289,000



MINDEN HOME

Custom built executive home on large level lot. Fireplace, hardwood, Jacuzzi, 3 baths, gorgeous master suite, extensive decking. Includes adjoining lot. Call Fred Chapple

\$234,500



Ted Vasey*

Hwy. 121 Robertson Road

Country home btwn. Minden & Haliburton. Picturesque lot w/pond, w/o LR to porch, 4 bdrms., 2 aths, int. needs completely refinishing. Call Ted Vasey

\$50,900



MINDEN - ORDE ST.

Absolutely charming home across rd. from river. Newly fin. oak kit., w/o to deck, w/o LR, 3+2 bdrms, MBR ensuite, freshly fin. fam. rm. w/oak bar & prop. FP, FAO heating, 1.54 acres. A must see.

\$185,000

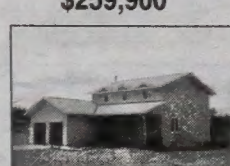


Vince Duchene**

3 YEAR OLD HOME

1,908 sq.ft. in Haliburton by the lake subdivision. Beautifully finished home, 3 baths, rec room & bright open kitchen/living room. Call Vince Duchene

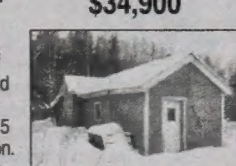
\$259,900



SCENIC, NICELY TREED,

small usable cabin, driveway in. Lots of pines & ready to build your home on. Outstanding lot only 5 minutes from Haliburton. Call Vince Duchene

\$34,900



Melanie Vigars*

MINDEN

Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath family home in town within walking distance of amenities. Features include: hardwood and ceramic floors, living room fireplace with insert, hot tub room and an above ground pool, all with a fantastic sunset view.

\$169,000

Call Melanie for details



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